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## **SECRETS OF THE UNSEEN**

Marie Craig and Allison Maria Rodriguez

**May 1 – June 2, 2019**

**Opening Reception:** Friday, May 3, 2019, 6–8 p.m.

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**Boston, MA** – Beginning May 1st, Fountain Street will be exhibiting “**SECRETS OF THE UNSEEN**”, featuring the work of Marie Craig and Allison Maria Rodriguez. Through installation, video, photography, animation, drawing and performance, “Secrets of the Unseen” explores the possibilities of transcendence and rebirth through a conventionally unrecognized, hidden power. Craig and Rodriguez draw attention to the manner in which this power is linked to the survival instincts of all lifeforms, highlighting that existence is both delicate and ferocious. This exhibition illustrates that the foundation for a shared evolution could be found in the smallest, and perhaps most unlikely, of places.



Marie Craig’s current project, “Natural Consequences”, presents large-scale photographic imagery of ambiguous content. Translucent, overlapping pieces peek into one another, inviting the viewer to interpret and look for meaning from multiple perspectives. Craig uses cyanotype, a primitive photographic process that embraces the unpredictability of the sun, wind and water. By rooting her artistic technique in nature’s forces, Craig explores our interconnectedness. We are reminded of nature’s resilience as well as the urgent concern for its equilibrium. Craig’s work asks us to grapple with complexity, transcend our usual one-pointed view and reach for reconciliation.

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After graduating from Clark University, MA with a Masters' degree in Biology, Marie Craig began as a medical photographer and illustrator specializing in cell biology for UMass Medical School and Brandeis University. Emerging from the medical sphere, she shifted her role to become a teacher, curator, and photographer, all in the fine art community. Craig has shown her work in numerous solo and group exhibitions throughout the region. She is the co-founder and director of [Fountain Street Gallery](#) in Boston. She works from her studio in Natick, MA.

**Allison Maria Rodriguez** will be showing work from “Legends Breathe”, an ongoing project that explores the power of creativity and imagination in overcoming trauma. Based on interviews with female-identified artists about childhood fantasies, the project speaks to a strategy of survival activated through creativity. Rodriguez employs a variety of mediums to explore these fantasies, highlighting their uniqueness, their commonalities, and their inherent power. One primary element evident in all the fantasies is a harvesting of strength through a deep connection to the natural world. The work is populated by endangered species and threatened habitats, conveying a link between the trauma and healing of our planet to that of the individual. “Legends Breathe” is funded in part by a grant from The CreateWell Fund.

Rodriguez is a first-generation Cuban-American interdisciplinary artist working predominantly in video installation and new media. She creates immersive experiential spaces that challenge conventional ways of knowing and understanding the world, with a focus on climate change, species extinction and the interconnectivity of existence. Rodriguez is the grand prize winner of the 2017 Creative Climate Awards, a 2018 Earthwatch Fellow, a Core Member at Fountain Street Gallery and a studio artist at the Boston Center for the Arts.

**SECRETS OF THE UNSEEN** will run from May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon – 6 pm and by appointment.

### **Image caption:**

Left: “Natural Consequences” (artist process image) by Marie Craig, cyanotype on silk, 2019

Right: “Legends Breathe: Night Watch” (detail) by Allison Maria Rodriguez, video still, 2019

### **Schedule of events:**

Opening Reception: Friday, May 3, 2019, 6 – 8 pm  
(additional event TBA)

Fountain Street, a resource for artists, art lovers and collectors, is a contemporary gallery in Boston, MA which exhibits the work of twenty-eight emerging and mid-career artists.

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