

A.I.R.

Swerve Team Meeting

Kim Dacres

April 18 – May 19, 2019

Opening Reception: Thursday, April 18, 6-8pm

DUMBO's First Thursday Art Walk: May 2, 6-8pm

A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *Swerve Team Meeting*, an exhibition of nine sculptures by Fellowship Artist Kim Dacres. This is Dacres' first solo exhibition in New York City.

Swerve Team Meeting draws on hairstyles, features, and identities of black women. Through working with rubber tires and tubes, Dacres transforms exterior materials to represent personal identities. The sculptures were created over the course of a two year period during which Dacres collected, cleaned, and braided recycled bicycle parts from Harlem and the Bronx. She used these tough yet flexible and forgiving materials to emphasize the characteristics of black women inside and outside of her community.

In creating these works, Dacres explores the space between permanence and importance amongst people that have been disregarded. The installation is site-specific for a feminist space to encourage dialogue and conversation between women. *Swerve Team Meeting* brings together flexible perceptions of people to investigate how black women can change the world to be to a softer place through community.

Kim Dacres (b.1986, Bronx, New York) is a first-generation Jamaican American. Dacres received her Bachelor's degree from Williams College as a dual major in Art Studio and Political Science with a minor in Africana Studies. She also received her Master's degree in Education from the City University of New York (Lehman College). Her first public art installation, *Peaceful Perch*, a collaboration with Daniel Alexander Matthews, is currently on view in Harlem's Marcus Garvey Park through September 2019. Dacres currently lives and practices her studio work in Harlem.

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For more on the artist, visit kimdacres.com.



Kim Dacres with *Queen*, 2017, tires, metal plates, screws, door chain, paint, 28 x 11 x 14 inches, on Harlem studio fire escape. Courtesy of Curtis Bryant.

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