

Ely Center of Contemporary Art

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Embody

Curated by Krista Scenna

March 7 - April 18, 2021

Opening Reception: Sunday, March 7, 2021

Closing Reception: Sunday, April 18, 2021

Featured Creative Collision Artist: Yvonne Shortt

The Ely Center of Contemporary Art announces *Embody*, an exhibition of 49 artists guest curated by Krista Scenna, culled from our Open Call 2021. *Embody* will open to the public at 1 pm on Sunday, March 7. Spring gallery hours are Sundays 1 - 4 pm, Mondays 1 - 4 pm, Wednesday 1 - 4 pm, Thursdays 1 - 8 pm, and by appointment. All Covid-19 guidelines will be

followed.

For Krista Scenna, “*Embody* signals a return to the corporeal in all its fleshy, messy, imprecise and awkward glory. While we are still ensconced in a world dominated by necessary isolation and virtual interactions, these artists labor to remind us that our longing for physicality in real space and time is irrepressible and must be visibly acknowledged.”

About the Curator: Krista Scenna is an independent curator and co-founder of Ground Floor Gallery in Brooklyn, NY, working to connect local emerging artists to new collectors. Her curatorial portfolio includes site-specific exhibitions such as The Old Stone House, the DUMBO Arts Festival, SPRING/BREAK Art Show, and the Cigar Factory, LLC.

ECOCA will also be featuring Creative Collision Room artist, Yvonne Shortt. As a public artist, Yvonne is interested in exploring how art can flow freely between traditional interior spaces and the unconstrained exteriors of the city of New Haven. For this exploration, she will be using sculpture in interaction with artists from other disciplines, including performance and dance.

About ECOCA: The Ely Center of Contemporary Art's mission is to reaffirm Grace Ely's testamentary wishes for an art center where artists, arts organizations, and the public assemble, exchange, learn, and engage through exhibitions, performances, and emerging contemporary practice.

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Above image: Frid Branham, *Grapes Reborn*