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The Art Base presents: Most Beloved by Nicole Salcedo

Opening reception and artist talk Friday, February 21, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Art Base Charles J. Wyly Gallery. The artist talk, moderated by the Art Base's Executive Director, Genna Moe, will begin at 5:30pm. This exhibit is generously sponsored by Debra and Dennis Scholl and Oolite Arts.

AFTER-SCHOOL ART

Scheduled: Feb 18, 2020 at 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

The Art Base is proud to present *Most Beloved*, a site-specific installation by interdisciplinary artist Nicole Salcedo. *Most Beloved* features works on paper, fabric, and wallpaper that are each recorded acts of devotion to an unknowable but deeply cherished "Beloved"—the artist's interpretation of the life-giving power within all things. With this body of work, Nicole explores the oscillation of energy between "Lover" and the "Beloved" through line work, repeated patterns and symbols.

Nicole Salcedo is a first-generation Cuban American interdisciplinary artist born, raised and based in Miami, Florida. Nicole earned her BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she studied fibers, performance, and object design with her main practice being in drawing.

Using meditative marks to create dense patterns, Nicole weaves between micro and macro lines, opening up rhythmic pathways that offer a deeper connection to the energies which flow throughout the universe. Her art is deeply connected to nature, Afro-Caribbean religions, and other belief systems as sources of healing. Salcedo opens up pathways that restore our connections to nature, with a focus on bringing awareness to native South Florida plants and ecosystems. In addition to exhibitions at Bakehouse Art Complex, where she is a resident, Nicole has shown in solo and group exhibits in Miami, including two museums.

Nicole Salcedo is currently an artist-in-residence at Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Snowmass Village, Colorado. Salcedo is one of 14 artists selected by Oolite Arts' newest program, 'Home + Away', which offers Miami-Dade based artists opportunities to participate in some of the most important artist residencies in the country.

ABOUT THE ART BASE

The mission of the Art Base is to foster creative expression in the visual arts for all ages and abilities through education, exhibitions and events.

The Art Base is dedicated to sustaining a learning environment that fosters collaboration, builds community and embraces the creative potential of each individual. The Art Base Charles J. Wyly Gallery exhibits Colorado-based student, emerging, and established artists. In addition to their diverse exhibitions schedule, the Art Base hosts an opening reception and art talk every month. They pride themselves in offering free community events and a vibrant schedule of arts

classes for adults and youth (both in school and outside of the classroom). Through growing partner and outreach programs, they strive to make art accessible to the at-risk and underserved, including the developmentally disabled, teen parents and youth in addiction recovery.

ABOUT OOLITE ARTS

Established in 1984, Oolite Arts advances the knowledge and practice of contemporary visual arts and culture and creates opportunities for experimentation and encourages the critical exchange of ideas through residencies, exhibitions, public programs, education and outreach. The residency programs include a Studio Residency, a PRINTshop Residency Program, a Cinematic Arts Residency and an Art in Public Life Residency. Exhibitions and programs at Oolite Arts are made possible with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council; the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners; the Miami Beach Mayor and City Commissioners; the State of Florida, Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs; the Florida Arts Council; the National Endowment for the Arts; and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. For more information, visit oolitearts.org