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The Art Base presents: Above/Below by Marcia Weese

March 19 – April 16, 2021

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10am-5pm

Opening Friday, March 19th at the Charles J. Wyly Gallery

The Art Base is pleased to present ABOVE/BELOW, a series of monotypes by Marcia Weese that explores the relationship of the worlds above and below the surface. Weese explains, “This exhibition ruminates on the juxtaposition of these two worlds and asks the question, can we synthesize these realms to come into better balance as humans?”

With a background in sculpture, Weese is drawn to the ephemeral quality of works on paper. Using three different printing processes, and sometimes combining them, she elicits mysterious and totemic images that seem to glow from within. Weese’s printing technique involves building layers of color with printing ink and ‘carving’ into the color field by wiping away pigments to reveal forms and hidden images.

Weese spent her childhood in Chicago roller skating between the dense urban landscape and the natural world -- her deepest artistic inspiration. Weese’s prints have been described as “intimate, enigmatic portraits of elusive moments that land somewhere between shadow and memory.”

Lissa Ballinger, the curator at the Art Base comments: “This exhibition was postponed for a year due to COVID19, yet it seems even more relevant now. Weese’s references to the natural world ground the monotypes, but she upends the environment in which one expects to see them, challenging the viewers habituated ways of seeing and perceiving.”

ABOUT THE ART BASE

The Art Base is a visual arts-focused nonprofit located in Basalt, Colorado. Through education opportunities, exhibitions, and events they foster creative expression in the visual arts for all ages and abilities. Education programs are designed to be accessible to everyone and encourage creative expression and lifelong learning through arts workshops and outreach programs in partnership with local nonprofits and Basalt schools. Exhibitions support student, emerging, and established Colorado-based artists and are focused on solo show opportunities with an emphasis on artists living in the Roaring Fork Valley. www.theartbase.org