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The Art Base presents: *The Balance* by Vallee Noone

September 3 – October 2, 2021

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-5pm

Opening Reception: Friday, September 3rd, 5-7pm

The Art Base is pleased to present Vallee Noone's site-specific, immersive exhibition entitled, *The Balance*. There will be an opening with the artist on September 3rd from 5-7pm, and the exhibition will be on view through Saturday October 2nd. Utilizing untraditional materials including plastic coils, string and house paint, Noone transforms the environment to engage and challenge the visitor. *The Balance* is comprised of hanging white blocks of wood, intersecting and twisting throughout the space while supporting coils rest and balance and upon them. At the center of the exhibition sits Noone's proposed surprise "threat to the equilibrium."

A native of the Roaring Fork Valley, Noone's art grapples with ideas of place and space, and what cues and rules we abide by. She is interested in how people interact with their surroundings, and the surprises that await if one takes the time to observe. While primarily a paper-cut artist, Noone has always loved the scale and drama of installations and their ability to break the daily predictability of life. She states: "I wanted to have the freedom to scale a work so that it could surround the view and invite exploration."

Vallee Noone attended CRMS in Carbondale before striking out to explore the world. She received her bachelor's degree from The Evergreen State College and then lived in four countries and three states over twelve years. In 2016, she finally gave into the pull and moved back to this beautiful valley to be with family, enjoy the river, and create art surrounded by endless inspiration. Vallee loves wandering through the mountains; she calls these trips the Research & Development aspect of her work.

The Art Base is a nonprofit community arts center located in Basalt, Colorado. Through education, 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 focus on

opportunities for solo, group, and guest-curated exhibitions for Colorado-based artists, with an emphasis on those living in the Roaring Fork Valley.

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