

Ely Center of Contemporary Art

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What Now ?

Call for submissions/ online exhibit

Your Pet Here

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Image: Michelle Frick, *EMS Perch (detail)*

New Haven, CT: The Ely Center of Contemporary Art announces two new

online exhibits, **What Now?** and **Your Pet Here.**

The Ely Center of Contemporary Art (ECOCA) introduces two new online exhibitions -- in a nimble response to the current global Covid-19 “stay at home” executive order -- that allow for artists and non-artists alike to participate and connect to one another. These virtual shows aim to expand opportunities for artists and the public to engage with urgent issues, ideas and innovations. We aim to amplify as many voices as possible during this time of solidarity and community.

ECOCA has maintained *Digital Grace* an active, monthly-rotating curated online gallery for the past four years and is expanding this platform in response to the current, urgent need for social, cultural, intellectual, and creative connectivity during this time of physical distancing and isolation.

What Now? is an online exhibition that presents global community responses to the current global health crisis. The exhibit asks: What do we do now? How is the current health crisis affecting you, and what does the future look like? Novels such as *Brave New World*, *Handmaid's Tale*, *Fahrenheit 451* and *1984* describe surreal and dystopian futures that now seem eerily real, so what is the new normal? What Now?

Creatives working across disciplines are invited to submit to this ongoing exhibit, in which we aggregate responses as they are submitted. This ongoing call and corresponding exhibit are on view at www.elycenter.org/what-now-call

Your Pet Here invites the public to participate in a global show that presents our collective, unifying love for pets and their unconditional companionship during such times of hardship; participants are encouraged to send in pet-centric artworks or photographs of their beloved pets, as we are each comforted by our furry, feathered, and scaly friends during these trying times. The ongoing call and corresponding exhibit can be viewed at: www.elycenter.org/your-pet-here-call

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.

High resolution images are available. Please contact Maxim Schmidt at mschmidt@elycenter.org for more information.