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HaHa

Rachel Debuque

Institute of Contemporary Art, Baltimore
16 West North Ave
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Exhibition Dates: August 10 to September 8, 2019

Opening Reception: Saturday, August 10, 6-9pm

Special Event: Mini Artist Lecture and Laughter Yoga Workshop
Saturday, August 24th, 2pm

Open Hours: Saturdays and Sundays 12-4pm, or by appointment

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HaHa is a new body of work that explores the role of humor in art by revealing the potential for laughter in objects, spaces, and within ourselves. Rachel Debuque presents a series of mini installations that defamiliarizes the familiar and reveal laughter as a transcendent bodily phenomenon that holds us in the present moment. Through crafted objects, installation, and video, the viewer is beckoned to see amusement in unexpected places.

Rachel Debuque - racheldebuque.com & plakookee.com

Rachel Debuque is a visual artist and designer whose work spans installation, sculpture, video, and performance. Her work focuses on the transformation of space into imaginative worlds that engage audiences. Her work has been exhibited extensively including at The Cue Foundation (New York, NY) and Vox Populi (Philadelphia, PA). Debuque was an artist in residence at The Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts and a Southern Constellations Fellow at Elsewhere: A Living Museum. Her work has received press from The Huffington Post, Washington City Paper, Bmore Art, Daily Serving, Maaake Magazine, and ART 21 Magazine.

She is currently an assistant professor at George Mason University's School of Art and Design, where she teaches 3D Design and Sculpture. She received her Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Georgia and her Bachelor of Fine Arts at Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a focus in Sculpture. Debuque is also a yoga instructor and certified laughter leader.

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