



Liberty and Justice for all?, 72.5 x 38 inches, Fiber, photography, \$2,735.

Mo McCleary

Artist Bio

Mo McCleary is a queer, trans nonbinary artist living and creating in Rogers, Arkansas. They are a professionally trained furniture maker and an interdisciplinary artist working in textiles, painting, wood carving, and photography. They also sew one-of-a-kind hats, vests, jackets, and other garments from up-cycled quilts and remnant materials. Their current body of work is textile-based and combines cyanotype printing and quilting to explore themes of identity, gender, belonging, and family. They are influenced by their strong family tradition of quilting and motivated by a need to see themselves in the world and in others.

Artist Statement

My work explores the complexities of identity, gender, family, and belonging through textiles, painting, wood carving, and photography. It is informed by my life and experiences as a queer, trans nonbinary person and a need to see myself in others and in the world. I'm influenced by my background in craft and my strong family history of quilting and garment making. I'm reclaiming the power of a family tradition from generations of trauma.

My current body of work combines quilting, photography, and cyanotype printing to explore my identity and trauma, as well as discuss the political violence against trans people in the U.S. in the past year.