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TORONTO, ON – Tangled Art Gallery opens 2018 with ‘Deaf, what?’: a multimedia and photography exhibition by Toronto based Deaf artists Sage Willow and Alice Lo. This exhibit is part of Space Shapes Place: a national series of vibrant commissions produced by Tangled Art + Disability.

‘Deaf, what?’ by Sage Willow and Alice Lo

Opening Reception: January 18, 6-8pm, 2018

Media Preview: January 18, 4-5pm, 2018

Exhibition Dates: January 18 - February 17, 2018

Second Saturday Social: February 10, 2018

Location: Tangled Art Gallery S-122, 401 Richmond St W, Toronto, ON

About the Exhibition

‘Deaf, what?’ is a multimedia exhibition by Sage Willow in collaboration with photographer Alice Lo that highlights the experiences and contributions of activists, change makers and everyday people who identify within the Deaf spectrum - as having some degree of deafness. Filling Tangled Art Gallery with 50 portraits of individuals from across Canada, Lo and Willow highlight the multitude of Deaf folk whose legacies continue to be ignored.

“The history of Canada’s treatment towards Deaf people includes acts of audism spanning more than a couple of centuries. It’s time for more visibility, awareness, and recognition. We are inviting you to explore our lives through our intersectional experiences in **‘Deaf, what?’**” - Sage Willow

“These beautiful portraits on display at Tangled Art Gallery are reflective of Alice and Sage’s thoughtful engagement with distinct Deaf folk from



across the country. **Deaf, what?** is not just an exhibit, it's a legacy project that will continue to expand and grow..."

- Barak adé Soleil, Curator and Artistic Director of Tangled Art + Disability

As part of **Deaf, what?** exhibition development, award-winning Canadian photographer Zun Lee has been serving as advisor.

About the Artists

Sage Willow

Sage Willow is a multidisciplinary queer nonbinary Deaf artist and educator from Toronto, Ontario. Aside from their community work, they also provide performance interpreting in ASL for the local Deaf community; incorporating their passions of film, languages, theatre and accessibility into pieces of art. Willow also founded Deaf Spectrum, a collective aimed to promote the increase in usage of American Sign Language in order to make community spaces more accessible and inclusive.

Alice Lo

Born in Indonesia and raised in Toronto, Alice Lo grew up surrounded by photography and art. She is privileged to have an intuitive eye for colours, tones, textures, and shapes. Lo is attuned to her various environments and situations and likes to express her sense through her work. Lo has a love for photography that runs in her blood. She graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor in Visual Media, with a focus in photography.

About Space Shapes Place

Space Shapes Place is a national exhibition series of commissioned works by Deaf, Mad and disability artists, supported by Ontario 150 and the Toronto Arts Council's Open Door program. Spanning ten months in Tangled Art Gallery, the series features multidisciplinary creations by artists from across the country, exploring themes of disability culture, identity, community and lived experience across Canada. Curated by



Artistic Director Barak adé Soleil, the commissioned artists were selected from a nationwide call for proposals. Tangled Art + Disability wishes to further acknowledge Ontario Arts Council for additional support of Deaf, what?

ACCESS INFORMATION

Tangled Art Gallery is in a barrier-free location. Audio description will be available for the exhibit. We will have ASL interpreters and attendant care present during public engagements. Service animals are welcome. We request that you help us to make this a scent-free environment.

DIRECTIONS

Tangled Art Gallery is located in studio 122 on the main floor on the 401 Richmond Building. The closest accessible subway station is at Osgoode Station. The closest accessible streetcar stop is the 510 Spadina Queen Street West Stop (Queen Street stop going south from Spadina Station, Richmond Street stop going north from Union Station.)

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