

Ruby Rumié: 100 Women - 100 Ceremonies

Divine Breath NYC to open October 3rd at La Mama Galleria

For her project Divine Breath NYC, artist Ruby Rumié conducted 100 ceremonies with NYC women survivors of domestic violence. In the individual ceremonies, they exhaled their pain - Divine Breath - into a vessel. The results of these ceremonies will be exhibited at La Mama New York opening on October 4th.



The project, first realized in Cartagena, Colombia in 2013 by Ruby Rumié, is being recreated in New York thanks to a group of NYC women who felt the experience intended would be positive and transformative for the women. The exhibition is meant to bring community awareness to the escalating threat of domestic violence, and to help create a hopeful future for the survivors.

Seven ceramic artists from the NYC area have each created one unique prototype vessel, which has been slip-casted to produce the 100 vessels used by Ruby Rumié in the ceremonies of Divine Breath NYC. The prototype forms represent the diversity of NYC survivors, and the similar glazing conveys the universality of their experience. The artists include Rana Amirtahmasebi, Will Coggin, Paula Greif, Eleni Kontos, Ben Peterson, Biata Roytburd and Mia Schachter.

The exhibition will consist of the following phases:

1. The seven NYC prototype vessels
2. Photographs of the 100 New York women and their vessels, along with the 100 Cartagena women and their vessels
3. The 100 NYC vessels
4. Photographs of the 100 New York vessels along with the corresponding Cartagena vessels
5. Projected texts with the participant's comments

Safe Horizon has partnered in the project by inviting women survivors from their many programs.

Through this project Rumié dignifies and empowers these women.

Born in Cartagena de Indias, Ruby Rumié focuses her art on social problems using multiple disciplines to highlight situations such as gentrification, domestic violence and social barriers where art and its relations with the communities have been the leitmotif. She currently lives and works in Cartagena, Colombia.

Safe Horizon is the nation's leading victim assistance organization. Their mission is to provide support, prevent violence, and promote justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families and communities.

Opening: Thursday, October 3rd from 6 to 8 p.m.

Dates: October 4 – 29, 2019

Where: La Mama Galleria, 47 Great Jones Street, New York

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