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Alejandra Cuadra Sanchez
PASAJES DE PERTENECER

LaunchPad Gallery
November 3 – December 5, 2021

First Friday Reception
November 5, 5 – 8:30pm

Gallery Hours
Wed. – Sun. 11am – 5pm & by appointment

Alejandra Cuadra Sanchez's exhibition *Pasajes de Pertenecer*, or *Passages of Belonging*, contemplates the process of creating a sense of belonging and a place to call home, as the artist aims to find ways of redefining her own sense of belonging and freedom. Embracing clay, steel, wood, mixed media, and sensibility she weaves, braids, and knots together her history—what was, what is, and what is to come. Feeling neither here nor there, Cuadra re-connects to her roots in Peru using the language of craft in hopes of discovering an unknown home as she dwells in a space with barriers to belonging.

Cuadra cites the Black American activist, feminist, and author bell hooks as an inspiration. hooks stated that all aspects of life have “revealed to me that the treasures I was seeking were already mine. All my longing to belong, to find a culture of place...waiting for me to remember and to reclaim.” For Cuadra, as it is for hooks, to belong is not just a place, it is a state of mind.

An interdisciplinary maker living and working in the Northeast, Cuadra holds a BFA in Sculpture and a Minor in Public Engagement from Maine College of Art. Being transplanted from her homeland of Peru, she can never forget where she came from and works to reclaim her sense of belonging within the United States. Cuadra has attended residencies at Yale Norfolk School of Art, Monson Arts, and Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts. She continues her creative path in her apprenticeship with Steve and Matthew Kemp in Orleans, MA.

Cuadra is a proud Latina, citizen of the world, and most of all a human being. Through creativity, communication, collaboration, and community, she discovers the connectivity, empathy, and hope that transcends barriers.

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