

Secret Life of a Multicultural Couple



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Saturdays & Sundays 12-5pm, or by appointment

Opening reception Friday, April 5, 6-10pm
Virtual Artist Talk Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30pm

Bell Projects presents – **Secret Life of a Multicultural Couple** – a solo exhibition of new work by **April Werle**. This exhibition opens Friday, April 5 and is on view through April 28, 2024. Please join us for an opening reception on April 5th from 6pm until 10pm.

April Werle is an emerging Filipino American painter whose narrative paintings delve into the transmission of culture across generations in the diaspora.

Influenced by her parents' arranged marriage, Werle's works explore themes of mixed-race identity, belonging, home, and family. She achieves this by reimagining memories and shared family stories, skillfully capturing the nuances of body language, particularly through the expressive use of hands.

Secret Life of a Multicultural Couple is an exhibition of narrative paintings that reimagine intimate moments of culture-sharing between two people.

What do these compromises and integrations look like? Whether it's deciding not to wear shoes inside of the house, learning to measure rice with your finger, or realizing the complexities of heritage, the culture of a mixed-race couple evolves quietly behind closed doors.

Werle's paintings have been exhibited at notable venues, including the Holter Museum of Art, Missoula Art Museum, and The Other Art Fair Los Angeles. Her work has been featured in publications like *New Visionary Magazine* and *Kapwa Magazine*.

April Werle has received recognition for her contributions, including an ARPA Grant and a Strategic Investment Grant from the Montana Arts Council.

Currently based in Missoula, Montana, she continues to explore cultural identity and heritage through her art.

Recent Press: [Between Manila and Montana: April Werle's artistic exploration of mixed-race identity, belonging, and family](#), Mahalaya, January 2024

[Painter: April Werle](#), State of the Arts, Montana Arts Council, Winter 2024



1.

"Come on in and pop your shoes off!"

2024

Acrylic on wood

36 x 24 in

\$1300



2.

"You have to eat vegetables!"

2024

Acrylic on wood

24 x 24 in

\$875



3.

"Does this bother you?"

2024

Acrylic on wood

24 x 24 in

\$875



4.

"I'm not saying my culture is better than yours!"

2024

Acrylic on wood

36 x 24 in

\$1300



5.

"We can send money home."

2024

Acrylic on wood

40 x 30 in

\$1800



6.

"...but you're white too!"

2024

Acrylic on wood

40 x 30 in

\$1800



7.

"I'll save the forks for you."

2024

Acrylic on wood

40 x 30 in

\$1800



8.

"This is how you measure rice."

2024

Acrylic on wood

36 x 36 in

\$1950



9.

"Use this to wash up."

2024

Acrylic on wood

36 x 36 in

\$1950