

TURNER CARROLL

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Swoon: Gift in the Rupture at Turner Carroll Gallery

SANTA FE, NM – [March 4, 2024] – **May 17 through June 30, 2024**. Turner Carroll Gallery is pleased to announce the unveiling of a traveling museum exhibition featuring the works of the renowned artist Caledonia Curry, who is best known by her street art pseudonym Swoon. This exceptional exhibition, *Swoon: Gift in the Rupture*, was curated by Tonya Turner Carroll at the Mesa Museum of Contemporary Art. Notably, it is part of a comprehensive social justice exhibition series showcasing prominent street art luminaries like Shepard Fairey, Douglas Miles, and Nadya Tolokkonikova that you can see at our sister space, CONTAINER.

In her role as curator, Turner Carroll took a distinctive perspective by emphasizing the unique aspects of Swoon's art rather than drawing comparisons with other street artists. Unlike those who rely on satire or shocking imagery, Turner Carroll's approach accentuates Swoon's personal and compassionate approach to her subject matter and the materials she employs. In the exhibition's introduction, Turner Carroll articulates how *Gift in the Rupture* eloquently speaks to the transformative power that arises when we tap into our inherent strength to turn pain into beauty. In this collection, Curry presents her interpretation of mythological and everyday human archetypes, and urges viewers to seek inspiration from the many outstanding and often-overlooked role models in order to foster better, healthier, and more compassionate human connections.

Caledonia Curry, has forged one of the most remarkable careers among women artists. She grew up in a challenging environment with parents battling drug addiction, and her childhood was marked by trauma. Curry eventually found solace and healing through her art practice which was a constant anchor throughout her life. Her journey has seen her train-hopping, establishing cashless communities on art rafts sailing down the Mississippi, and even crashing the Venice Biennale by sailing into the Grand Canal from across the Adriatic. While her work remains authentic to her roots on the streets of Brooklyn, Curry's creations now grace esteemed institutions such as the Museum of Modern Art, Tate Modern, and Mass MoCA.

Curry's achievements are particularly notable for an artist who has yet to reach 50, and she recently concluded a noteworthy mid-career retrospective at the Taubman Museum of Art, and is now preparing for a large-scale exhibition in Bangkok in early 2025. Her early wheat

paste murals still exist on buildings and walls from Hong Kong to Tunisia. *Swoon: Gift in the Rupture* is an opportunity to engage in the evolution of an artist whose transformative journey from adversity to triumph is as compelling as the artworks themselves.

ABOUT TURNER CARROLL

Turner Carroll Gallery + Art Advisors exhibits international contemporary art by established and emerging museum-track artists. Founded in 1991 by Tonya Turner Carroll and Michael Carroll, the gallery embodies extensive knowledge of the history of art and vast experience in all aspects of the art world. Turner Carroll authors artist monographs, serves on boards of art museums, foundations, manages artist estates, curates museum and art space exhibitions internationally, and advises private and corporate art collections. Turner Carroll Gallery artists are featured in top private and museum collections worldwide. Turner Carroll has curated museum and institutional exhibitions for artists from Eastern European countries, Mexico, Italy, Ireland, Argentina, and China.

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