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ONE ARCHIVES FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW EXHIBITION MY OWN PRIVATE RODEO, BY COYOTE PARK

A Collaboration with the WeHo Pride Arts Festival, On View June 1 – June 30, 2023

Opening Reception at ONE Gallery, West Hollywood To Feature Live Performance by the Artist

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Los Angeles, CA (May 31, 2023) — ONE Archives Foundation announced today **My Own Private Rodeo, by Coyote Park**, an exhibition of new works by multimedia performing artist Coyote Park. A collaboration with the City of West Hollywood and HIT, the exhibition will be featured as a part of the WeHo Pride Arts Festival, and opens June 1, 2023 with a reception and exclusive live performance by the artist at ONE Gallery in West Hollywood.

My Own Private Rodeo asks: What does it mean to exist in a way that our elders weren't allowed to? <u>Coyote Park</u> is a 2Spirit, Indigenous (Yurok) Korean-American transgender artist. Raised in the Kingdom of Hawai'i, on the island of Oahu, Park is currently based in Los Angeles. Their practice centers queer love, community, and trans futures. His work is a pathway to healing and dreaming up new worlds.

"Desecrated spaces are representations of bodies," said Park. "Caves tarnished by graffiti and past violence; waterways muddled by settlers that do not honor her. How do we cleanse? How do we bring love and light back into these forgotten spaces? It is in answering these questions and exploring these spaces that I can still find joy, externally and internally."

The installation, which features a series of new original photographic, video, and performance art works by the artist, moves through feelings of grief, mourning, loss, pride, redemption, and play. The exhibit elicits a deep place of isolation, sites where Park becomes a personal spectator of their own pain and a witness to their own transformation — a rodeo of aching glory: where they are the hunter, the hunted, the bull, and the rider.

"Pride is more than a celebration of individual identity," said Umi Hsu, Director of Content Strategy. "For LGBTQ+ people, it is also a time to come together to honor those who came before us, our ancestors and elders. Coyote Park's works radiate the power of history that lives within each one of us. Beautiful and moving at once, this exhibit evokes a geography of personal and generational emotions tied to indigenous queer and trans struggles."

The opening reception for the exhibit will take place on Thursday, June 1 from 7:00-9:00pm at ONE Gallery in West Hollywood. Visitors will be invited to see the exhibition and meet artist Coyote Park. Doors to the gallery open at 7:00pm, followed by a live performance by Park at 8:00pm.

Learn more about the exhibition on the City of West Hollywood website.

My Own Private Rodeo, by Coyote Park will be on view from June 1 through June 30. Visitors can see the installation at ONE Gallery between the hours of noon and 5pm, Friday through Sunday at no cost.

This exhibition is presented by the City of West Hollywood and HIT, in collaboration with ONE Archives Foundation, as part of the West Hollywood Pride Arts Festival. See the full lineup of

WeHo Pride Arts Festival programs here: https://www.wehopride.com/

About ONE Archives Foundation

Founded in 1952, ONE Archives Foundation is the oldest active LGBTQ+ organization in the United States and is dedicated to telling the accurate stories and history of all LGBTQ+ people and their culture. As an independent nonprofit, ONE Archives Foundation promotes ONE Archives at the USC Libraries — the largest repository of LGBTQ+ materials in the world — and provides innovative educational initiatives, public exhibitions, and community programs.

The curatorial and educational choices made by ONE Archives Foundation are guided by our commitment to social equity and justice. We engage with the complexity of LGBTQ+ history and representation through highlighting the intersectional and authentic narratives of Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), women, gender-nonconforming and transgender people, people of various abilities, youth, and elders across all socio-economic classes. Learn more at onearchives.org, and connect with ONE on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @onearchives.

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