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Caught in a Wormhole
a collaborative installation by VavNet

October 22 - October 30, 2021

at Flux Art Space

in conjunction with soundpedro 2021

opening reception Friday, October 22, 7 - 9 pm (outdoors)

this installation is visible 24/7 through the window (entry to the space is limited)

video projections and sound during evening hours only, 10/22, 10/24, 10/29, 10/30, 7 - 9pm

Note: When opportunities arise to enter the gallery, masks are required while in the space and a maximum of 5 people can be indoors at any one time. We appreciate your kindness and cooperation.

Caught in a Wormhole is the most recent collaborative installation by artist duo VavNet. This work combines elements of video and sonic projections with hand woven sculpture that interacts with its surroundings and architecture. The woven sculpture is created from silver cotton and stripped space blankets. By using the space blankets, the piece evokes conversations of climate change, the border wall and space travel. The space blanket encompasses the need for protection and human resourcefulness. The piece is translucent but also reflective so the viewer can simultaneously see themselves and past themselves. In this installation at Flux, several variations of video will be projected to play upon the weaving, while the harmonics of the droning sound will play about the modified space and the fluttering and rustling weaving.

This project is presented in conjunction with **soundpedro 2021** produced by the artist collective, FLOOD, with support from Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro. Please see www.soundpedro.org for more sound art projects.

About VavNet

VavNet is the ongoing collaboration between artists Vav Vavrek and Annette Heully.

About Annette Heully:

Annette Heully is a textile and installation artist from Ojai, California. Her work intersects between animate and inanimate as well as refers to the body and landscape. Her work engages in visual, spacial and material experience.

<https://annetteheully.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/annetteheully/>

About Vav Vavrek:

Vav Vavrek was born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania and grew up in the shadows of the rusting smokestacks of Pittsburgh. A slight brain malfunction caused him to ride screaming into the wind on a faded steel horse until he lost his voice in Phoenix, Arizona. In 2011, Vav violently dug up his roots and tried to cultivate a new existence in the smog belt of the City of Angels. The decade-long drought in California caused him to cross the continent again in 2016. Vav now shares his artistic ailment at Alfred State College as a teaching technician for the Digital Media & Animation department and the University at Buffalo as a PhD student.

<https://portfolium.com/vavvavrek/portfolio>

About Flux Art Space:

Founded in 2018, Flux Art Space is an artist-run, curated project space that connects emerging and mid-career artists with each other and with members of the vibrant communities of Long Beach—and Southern California—through exhibitions, workshops, and gatherings. We encourage cross-cultural and cross-generational dialogue and celebrate creative expression as an integral part of life.



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