Residency Unlimited (RU) is pleased to present a pop-up **Summer 2021 RU Artists-in-Residence Group show** opening on July 22 in the church space highlighting new works by five US-based and international artists realized during their residency in New York.

The *Unburrow* component of this exhibition is curated by Audrée Anid (RU guest curator). It features realizations by the Kentucky-based artists Sandra Charles, Kristina Arnold and Michelle Burdine. In her description of their works, Audrée Anid notes how these three women artists “explore the dynamics of social systems, and through their artistic output they push against prescribed pressures, drawing the viewer into their constructed narratives. Through various visual manifestations all three artists uncover what is otherwise unseen and often, unspoken. In this exhibition, richly detailed and symbolic portraits remove the veil between subject and viewer, unearthing the essence of the women depicted; topographical drawings seem to reveal both an interior landscape of the body and an exteriorized space; and a personal journey of womanhood and reckoning is rendered visible through photographs and an invitation to engage with an artist-made book.”

In this group show, other societal facets are revealed by the international artists Judit Kis and Shotiko Aptsiauri. With *Surrender*, Budapest-based artist Judit Kis presents an installation of video works and brick sculptures that is deeply inspired by her recent trip to Mexico. In her text about the artist, the curator Chelsea Pierce outlines how “in using her own body and subjectivity as a tool within her confessional art practice, Judit Kis establishes intimacy between herself and the viewer to instill an emotional impression. Focused on self-care and healing, she has recently explored Indigenous uses of plant medicines in ritual and 1950s psychiatric experiments with psychedelics to work through trauma. Creating her own sensory spaces, both virtual and physical, she explores the boundaries of conscious and subconscious existence.”

Known for his monumental site-specific and multimedia installations in the public space (at times occupied unauthorized architectural spaces), the Georgian artist Shotiko Aptsiauri leads poetic explorations in our mental, physical and collective spaces. Time and contexts are his preferred working mediums as reflected in the floor piece *AI STRIPPERS AND ARTIFICIAL HOMES* realized in his studio at Artists Alliance with plaster, epoxy and textile. In his own words, the visual language he develops is “generated through personal urgency which needs to see the light.”
Installation images and opening

**RU Intern** Suha Cho welcoming guests

**Shotiko Aptsiauri**, *AI STRIPPERS AND ARTIFICIAL HOMES*, Plaster, Epoxy and Textile, 2.5 x 1.5 m, 2021
Judit Kis, *Surrender*, Installation bricks, rocks aluminium and video 2021

Sandra Charles, *Untitled and Truth’s Legacy*, Oil on canvas, 60 x 48 inches, 2021
Michelle Burdine

*My Body Bleeds. I Do Not Apologize*, Color photograph on archival pigment print from scan, 5’ x 5’. 2021

Michelle Burdine

*Suspended / and time passed*, Paper, indigo dye, menstrual blood, color photographs on archival pigment prints, typewriter ink, cherry wood, metal, H 32” X L 25” X W 20”, 2021
Kristina Arnold

*Field Work*, Ink, watercolor, gouache, tinted gesso and graphite on mylar and paper, 73” H x 108” W, 2021


Dimensions variable, 2021
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