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MATTRESS FACTORY ANNOUNCES OPENING OF LABORATORY FOR OTHER WORLDS INSTALLATION

(PITTSBURGH, PA May 2019) – The Mattress Factory will hold an opening reception for its newest installation, Patte Loper’s “Laboratory for Other Worlds,” on Thursday, May 23, from 6-8pm, at the Monterey Annex. Loper is one of eight artists selected to create new works for the upcoming Factory Installed 2019 exhibition, which will open in its entirety on Friday, September 27, 2019.

Loper’s work utilizes painting, drawing, video, installation and performance. Her new piece at the Mattress Factory inhabits the entire first floor of the Monterey Annex and takes the form of a science fiction film set inspired by broader ideas about social and environmental justice.

It intertwines hand-built structures and sculptures made from humble materials with painting, video, and sound powered in part by solar panel technology. The installation is intuitive and psychological with a muted palette standing in contrast to the imaginative forms, lively scenarios, and shifting scales at play. The format of a lab allows for the possibility of failure as well as for many things to be happening at once. Viewers will be invited to find their own connections between conceptual themes and visual elements.

The opening is free and open to the public.

For more information on Patte Loper, visit patteloper.com.

About the Mattress Factory: Hailed as the best museum for installation art in the United States, the Mattress Factory invites visitors to experience “art you can get into.” Over the past 42 years, the Mattress Factory has presented and commissioned new installation and performance works by over 750 artists, both established and emerging, who have challenged themselves and their audiences through the support of the museum’s exceptional residency program. The Mattress Factory’s outreach programs serve more than 30,000 students, teachers, adults, and families annually, and its activities as a visitor attraction, educator and employer continue to invigorate Pittsburgh’s North Side. For more information, call 412.231.3169 or visit mattress.org.

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