

Image Credit: Paul Briggs, Play Area (2015-16)

You Never Know How You Look Through Other People's Eyes

March 8 - April 20, 2018

The Institute of Contemporary Art and Maine College of Art

Organized by Director of Exhibitions and Special Projects Erin Hutton and Guest Curator Scott Patrick Wiener.

Opening Reception: March 8, 2018 from 5-8pm

First Friday Celebration and Catalog Premiere: April 6, 2018

Participating Artists: Sonia Almeida, Paul S. Briggs, Caleb Charland, Sean Downey, Sean Fader, N. Sean Glover, Jaclyn Jacunski, AJ Liberto, Lilly McElroy, Eric Petitti, Scott Patrick Wiener

Exhibition Description:

"Cinnamon and sugary and softly spoken lies, you never know just how you look through other people's eyes." – Gibby Haynes, 1996

Deceptively playful, the Butthole Surfers' lyrics above make clear the impossibility of having first-hand knowledge of the self by boldly stating that you can never fully know who you are to someone else. The artists here allow their works to exist sympathetically and in spite of each other for an exhibition that proposes a state of coexistence at odds with itself. This experimental framework establishes a complex network that confirms and denies the possibility of true egalitarianism in favor of an antagonistic equilibrium.