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**PRESS RELEASE:**

**New Exhibition at Brew House Revels in Art, Books, and Food**

*Buttery Spread encourages visitors to expand the ways they relate to what they eat*



**Pittsburgh, PA - October, 2023** – On November 9, Brew House Arts celebrates the opening of *Buttery Spread*, a new exhibition curated by Emma Honcharski and Chas Wagner. As our first collaborative duo, Honcharski and Wagner present an exhibition that is sensory, playful, exploratory, and non-transactional. Visitors are invited to spend time with a collection of whimsical, food-related artworks that include paintings, mixed-media works, soft sculpture, and installation. Honcharski and Wagner have also transformed part of the gallery into a reading room, where visitors can enjoy a collection of books, zines, and

magazines, which expand on food writing outside of cookbooks or recipe books. By creating a space that brings together art, food, and books, the curators hope to inspire conversation about what it means to build relationships—to share a meal with a neighbor, or share a book with a friend.

About the exhibition, the curators say, *“The artists and authors in Buttery Spread use food as a starting point. They explore form and materiality, pleasure, craft, labor, identity, desire, wonder, queerness, and our relationships to the earth and each other. Many of these pieces present evolving, changing disciplines, and share how what we consume is a part of what we create. Food and books nourish us with nutrition and knowledge, giving us access to new experiences and new stories. Like a long dining table at a potluck, this array of publications creates a spread that is enticing, inspiring, and sustaining.”*

Exhibiting artists include Vania Evangelique, JR Holtz, Darian Johnson, Sarah LaPonte, Lauren McCoy, Steph Neary, Sophia Pappas, Rosabel Rosalind, Jennifer Shin, Gabrielle (Gabe) Wolfe, and Imin Yeh.

Brew House Arts will host a public opening reception of *Buttery Spread* on November 9, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm, at Brew House Gallery (711 S 21st St, #210). The opening is free to attend. *Buttery Spread*, will be on view at the Brew House Gallery from November 9 to December 30, 2023. The gallery is open Thursdays from 2-7 pm and Fridays and Saturdays from 11 am-4 pm. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit [brewhousearts.org](http://brewhousearts.org), or email [info@brewhousearts.org](mailto:info@brewhousearts.org).

### **About the Curators**

Emma Honcharski and Chas Wagner first connected when Chas asked Emma to speak about Dinner Bell Mag for a monthly speaker series at Bottom Feeder Books in Fall 2022. The two are co-founders and co-directors of the Pittsburgh Art Book Fair, which recently held its inaugural event at the Carnegie Museum of Art in September 2023.

Emma Honcharski is an artist, writer, and media strategist from Ossining, New York and has lived in Pittsburgh since 2014. She has collaboratively published a food writing and art publication (*Dinner Bell Mag*) since 2019. Currently, Emma is the Engagement Manager at NEXTpittsburgh and Executive Assistant at Benci Productions. She joined the board of Bunker Projects in 2023. She is also working towards an MBA and MA in Food Studies at Chatham University, with a thesis project focused on alternative spaces for food and togetherness.

Chas Wagner is a curator and community organizer living in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. He started The Print Party in 2020—a curatorial and retail platform for independent magazines, showcasing titles across sport, design, art, and fashion. He is actively involved in work with local organizations such as PA Master Naturalist of Allegheny County, East End Food Co-Op, Troy Hill Art Houses, Tissue Farm, Pittsburgh Bibliophiles, and Bike Pittsburgh; and is a co-founder of the Allegheny Sport & Outdoor Film Festival. His projects gravitate toward large community gatherings, inspired by his time living in Boston, Brooklyn and Upstate New York.

### **About the Prospectus Program**

This exhibition is produced as part of the Prospectus series. In its third year, the Prospectus Curatorial Residency offers professional and financial support to two emerging curators to curate an exhibition at Brew House Gallery.

### **Upcoming Programs**

We will be hosting additional programs in the Brew House Gallery throughout the length of the exhibition. Please check the [Events Page](#) on our website for updates and information about events.



Snack Landscape, 2020. Gabrielle (Gabe) Wolfe.



Sinless Spuds, 2019. Rosabel Rosalind.



Corn Boat, Sarah LaPonte.



Radish Jogakbo, 2022. Jennifer Shin.