



### **Marlena Arthur**

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Marlena Arthur, born 1994 in Los Angeles, California, has been making art in Tierra del Sol Studios since 2016. Arthur is a prolific multidisciplinary artist working across painting, drawing, sculpture, and fiber arts. Inspired by “My Little Pony,” “Equestrian Girls,” and Tim Burton, much of Arthur’s work centers around “The Rainbow Girls,” an original superhero group of her own design. Arthur has crafted an expansive lore surrounding these characters and uses them to tell stories about friendship, adventure, and teamwork. For every color of the rainbow, there is a corresponding Rainbow Girl equipped with her own unique history, personality, style, and superpower. Arthur comfortably oscillates between two and three-dimensional media, organizing expressive, complex grids of Rainbow Girl symbols she refers to as “Cutie Marks” alongside handcrafted ceramic sculptures of shoes, cakes, and pets from the richly detailed lives of her characters. Characterized by confident line work and a laboriously textured application of media, Arthur’s drawings are heavily saturated with bold, bright hues. Her sculptures of recognizable objects are created in exacting detail, lending corporeal presence to the Rainbow Girls. Arthur’s practice has recently expanded to include abstraction, using her characters as a point of departure to create psychedelic geometric compositions almost completely devoid of recognizable imagery. These abstract works expand our understanding of Arthur’s world while also diverging from it as aesthetically independent works of art that can stand alone. Through the dynamic juxtaposition of sculpture, painting, and story, the beauty and vitality of Arthur’s rainbow world is brought to life in vivid color.

Marlena Arthur’s debut solo exhibition “Rainbow Girls” was on view at Tierra del Sol Gallery in Los Angeles in the fall of 2021. Arthur has also exhibited her work at La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Laband Gallery at Loyola Marymount University, and Transformative Arts in Los Angeles, CA.