like a crowd of extras

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Seven Sisters' first group exhibition, Like a Crowd of Extras, is a companion to Michael Cline's concurrent exhibition, Havre de Grace. The show invites conversations about domesticity, isolation, interiority, and spiritual entanglement. We are pleased to highlight works by Margot Becker and Elaine Reichek, recent sculptures by larí garcía and Vincent Pocsik, and paintings by Alan Reid and Urubingwaru.

The exhibition's title borrows from Elaine Reichek's embroidery with a quote by Russian poet Anna Akhmatova written during her escape to Tashkent-Leningrad during World War II. "...And in the next room, the future was still trampling around like a crowd of extras..." The air of the future-heavy with emotion and inevitability-exerts a physical presence to embody the anxiety of the unknown. Margot Becker's tactile weavings mark the passage of time, while her loosely gridded patterns evoke barriers between open and closed spaces. Alan Reid's painting Starved for Affection lengthens the veil between interior and exterior, depicts an outsider's mania, and pokes fun at artists' worries.

The domestic sphere further blurs when Vincent Pocsik's cherrywood floor lamp anthropomorphizes into a gangly figure topped with a luminous lampshade/head. Nearby,

two sunflowers (with eyes) spring out of a single cowboy boot carved in oak; Pocsik has said he sees sunflowers as "spiritual aliens waving in the wind."

In his first showing in the United States, Indonesian artist Urubingwaru's tender images of forlorn figures in interiors sometimes overlap in their transparency. larí garcía, a current Core artist-in-residence, presents a small trap made from rattlesnake rattlers, tree of heaven seeds, and other lures to capture movement and set spirits on their way. Glimpses of others' lives and spaces give physicality to things and feelings unseen, lurking beyond view.

Margot Becker b. 1986, Oak Bluffs, MA, lives in Hudson, NY
larí garcía, b. 1994, Miami, FL, lives in Houston, TX
Vincent Pocsik b. 1985, Cleveland, OH, lives in Los Angeles, CA

Elaine Reichek b. 1943, Brooklyn, NY, lives in New York, NY

Alan Reid b. 1976, Fort Worth, TX, lives in New York, NY

Urubingwaru b. 2000, Kediri, East Java, lives in Yogyakarta, Indonesia