

SWIM GALLERY

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Press Release

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Visual exhibition – **LANÉYA BILLINGSLEY AKA BILLIE OCEAN, “A DREAM CUM TRUE”**
solo exhibition

Dates of Exhibition: February 11, 2023 - March 5, 2023

Opening Reception: February 11th from 6-10 pm.
Music at the event will be provided by Tecuani Feroz.

Gallery Hours: Wednesday and Saturday by appointment between 12 and 5 pm
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Website: www.luggagestoregalleriesf.org , www.swimgallery.com

Swim Gallery is honored to present a new body of work by Lanéya Billingsley aka Billie0cean, “*A Dream Cum True*”.

THE ARTIST: Lanéya Billingsley aka Billie0cean, is an experimental filmmaker, sound designer, graphic designer and creative director based in the bay area. With a background in animation and theatre, Billie's work is water for the heart and sugar for our melancholy. bubblegum Afro futurism with brass knuckles and bedroom eyes, Billie has shown their conceptual video and visual art work at Classic Cars West in Oakland, Swim Gallery in San Francisco, de:formal in New York, and Coaxial in Los Angeles as well as created video and visuals for artists Toro y Moi, mia carucci, Mowalola, Kelly Lee Owens, and Spelling.

Artist Statement: The spewing of the subconscious into the conscious, giving sight to feeling, breath to thought, retrieving power where it was lost, locating the rot, smelling the aroma of desire, the aroma of rage, the aroma of melancholy, a rinse of the heart, and dripping honey into wet tear ducts. Time based work transmuting the spiritual and the emotional, the sweet and the sour, into a visceral visual and sensory experience that touches, uncovers, and mends the subconscious. A space to breathe, a space to immerse, a space to feel, however uncomfortable. A reminder to move through trauma and align with our highest self(selves). Ascension is vital, however lost we may feel.

For more info see: Lanéya Billingsley aka Billie0cean at www.luggagestoregalleriesf.org , www.swimgallery.com

SWIM GALLERY is run by SF based artist Yarrow Slaps, and Auguste Somers of Los Angeles. It is located at the original venue of The 509 Cultural Center at 509 Ellis Street in the Tenderloin.

Swim was founded in 2008 as a curated blog/magazine/traveling exhibition combining art, fashion and music. Swim became a project of the Luggage Store/509 Cultural Center in 2018 with a physical space at 509 Ellis Street.

SWIM is dedicated to cultural/gender/economic/ethnic equity. SWIM identifies and presents diverse, talented and mostly young emerging BIPOC artists, many of whom are showing their work for their first time or are very early on in their artistic lives.



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a solo show
by *Billie Ocean*
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Lanéya Billingsley aka BillieOcean, "Where Love Goes", Digital Print, 2023



Lanéya Billingsley aka BillieOcean, "Pressure Points", Digital Print, 2023



Lanéya Billingsley aka BillieOcean, "LAMB", Digital Print, 2023