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Virginia-based artist Julia Paul at Findings Gallery

Exhibition dates: March 1-30, 2024

Opening reception: 5-7pm, Friday March 1, 2024

(February 20, 2024) — Julia Paul presents a series of paintings, photographs, and drawings about growth, decay, and impermanence inspired by the rural landscape of Virginia at Findings Gallery, 4925 Boonsboro Road, Lynchburg, VA, March 1-30, 2024.

Paul's paintings explore natural cycles of damage and repair, depicting animal packs and birds, processes of grazing, chasing and being chased, as well as plants above and below ground. To achieve these effects, Paul cuts, tears, and tapes photographs and found images surrounding and embedding them with sweeping, translucent layers of paint. Her photographs are images of vaporous, isolated roots, leaves, and feathers.

Findings Gallery will present new work, including paintings from the series *Disruptor/Completer*, which examines predatory animal imagery in deconstructed landscapes. The gallery will also present large photographs from the series *Photosynthesis* of forest ephemera including leaves, feathers, and rocks that are transformed by a camera destabilization process developed by the artist.

Julia Paul has an MFA from the University of California, Los Angeles, and has shown her work nationally in gallery and museum exhibitions, including at the Masur Art Museum, Munroe, LA; Touchstone Gallery, Washington, DC; Target Gallery, Alexandria, VA; and Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH. Paul has worked in a wide array of media, including painting, printmaking, ceramics, and both Polaroid and digital photography. Her award-winning photography has been reviewed in *The Washington Post*. She lives and works in Blacksburg, Virginia.

The work will be shown in a newly dedicated space for solo exhibitions at Findings Gallery at its Boonsboro Road location. The March 1 opening will coincide with Lynchburg's First Fridays, a monthly cultural event highlighting local, regional, and national artists. Findings Gallery is headed up by Owner and Director, Lisa Davis.

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Two Horses, 2023; Oil and mixed media on canvas; 36 x 36 in.