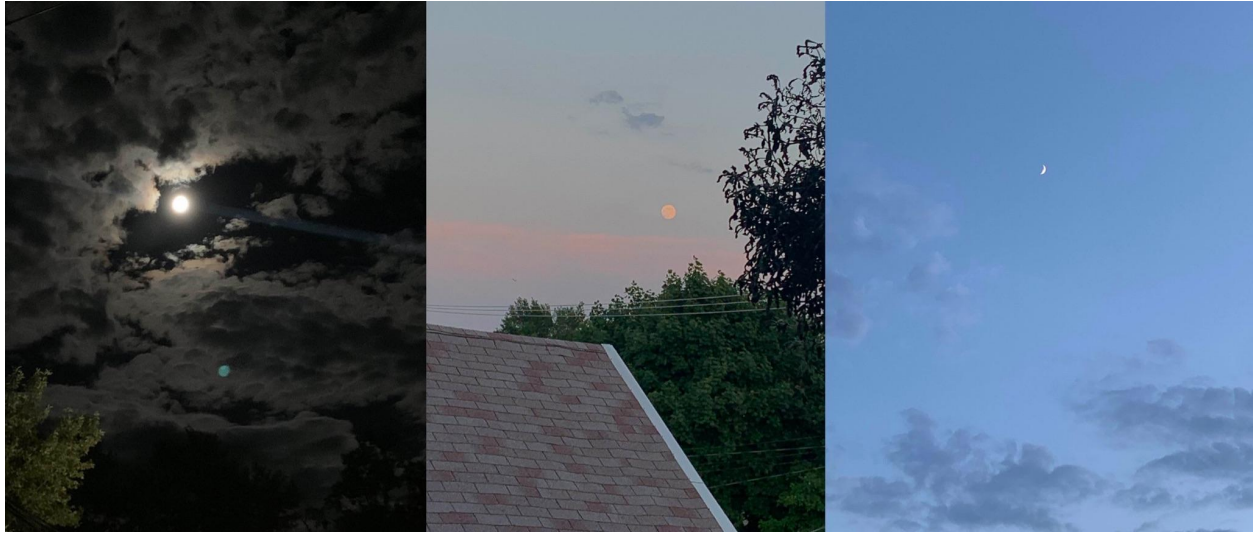


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### PUBLIC MEDIA INSTITUTE & CO-PROSPERITY PRESENTS MADDIE VACCARO'S GOOD MORNING MOON OPENING MAY 26TH, 2023.



Exhibition Website: <https://coprosperity.org/chicago/good-morning-moon>

Artist's Instagram: [@madelinevaccaro](https://www.instagram.com/madelinevaccaro)

**Opening Reception:** May 26: 6-10pm

Location: Co-Prosperity, 3129 S Morgan St, Chicago, IL 60608

Exhibition Dates: May 26-June 18

Also opening at Co-Prosperity on May 26th: [\*Radical Joy \(No Joy I've Seen\)\*](#)

**Co-Prosperity's Open Hours:** Saturdays, 12-5pm and by appointment.

**Exhibition Description:** CHICAGO (May, 26th, 2023) — [Public Media Institute](#) and [Co-Prosperity](#) are thrilled to announce their upcoming window exhibition by [Maddie Vaccaro: good morning moon](#).

"The moon doesn't change, her light does."  
- Demetra George, *Mysteries of the Dark Moon*

In her solo exhibition, *good morning moon*, Maddie Vaccaro presents a multimedia installation that evokes the moon's many faces, experiences, and cycles. A fabric mural, text installation, and 28 wall-hanging ceramic works are the culmination of a ritual practice that became an anchor in a time when finding one was beyond difficult.

The fabric work spanning the Morgan Street window shows 360 images of the moon (only a fraction of images from the artists' ongoing collection) that elicit the cycles of change. The images were taken as a daily practice over the span of three years and each photograph was shared with family and friends including a short text and time stamp. This individual practice swiftly became a thoughtful shared exchange when recipients, whose contact had waned with the onset of the pandemic, began reaching out with moon-spottings of their own.

This moon-gazing coincided with the artist's own inward gazing; grappling with global and personal changes. The photographic routine became a method for inserting moments of pause— an act of grounding in a time of unknowing.

The text works document the majority of entries posted on social media from the last three years, while the ceramic works respond to the 28-day moon cycle and lend a grounding, physical representation of this time.

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#### **Full Moon Performances**

Date: Saturday, June 3rd, 6PM-11PM

Time: 6PM - 11PM

Address: Co-Prosperity Chicago, 3219 S. Morgan St

An evening of sounds, sing-a-longs, and more welcoming the last full moon of the spring, the Strawberry Moon. The event will be from 6 p.m. - 11 p.m, ushering in the full moon at 10:45 p.m. The event will begin with Lunar Birth Chart readings, and meander through artists' interpretations and responses to the full moon. (Bring your birth date, time, and location to participate in the Lunar readings!)

Performing Artists: Rebecca Beachy, sun Lynn Hunter, Chad Kouri, Breanne Trammel and Chris Reeves, and Veronica Anne Salinas.

#### **About Maddie Vaccaro**

Madeline Vaccaro (b.1993, BFA SAIC 2016) is an artist, educator, armchair philosopher, and curious person living and working in Chicago, IL. She has exhibited work at Woman Made Gallery, the Flat Iron Arts Building, Columbia College Chicago, Fat City, and at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She has worked with other artists through Sector 2337, Monarch Art and Wellness Fair, and currently works with students at Columbia College Chicago.

<https://cargocollective.com/madelinevaccaro/>

#### **About Public Media Institute & Co-Prosperity**

Public Media Institute (PMI) is a non-profit 501(c) 3, community-based art & culture organization headquartered in the neighborhood of Bridgeport in the city of Chicago. Our mission is to create, incubate, and sustain innovative cultural programming through the production of socially engaged projects, festivals, community spaces, exhibitions, and media. PMI showcases emerging and established artists from Chicago and around the world in our network of art spaces and partner organizations. Our main exhibition facility is Co-Prosperity, a 5,000+ square foot experimental cultural center, visual arts and performance space.

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