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QUIET PIGGY:
We Cannot Be Silenced
Virtual Promotion: February 18–March 31, 2026
Juried Julie Carpenter



CHICAGO—Woman Made Gallery (WMG) announces **Quiet Piggy: We Cannot Be Silenced**, a virtual group exhibition juried by Julie Carpenter. The exhibition features work in a variety of mediums by 58 artists from the United States and abroad.

Quiet Piggy: We Cannot Be Silenced examines how misogynistic language has been used to demean and silence women, and how art can confront that harm and reclaim agency. The title Quiet Piggy intentionally reclaims a derogatory term historically used to shame and marginalize, transforming it into a statement of resistance. This exhibition insists that women’s voices, bodies, and truths cannot be reduced, censored, or erased.

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Juror Julie Carpenter states: “The selected artwork in *Quiet Piggy: We Cannot Be Silenced* stands as both a declaration and a rally cry. In these dark times—when rights are threatened, voices are suppressed, and communities are tested—the artists in this exhibition respond with unmistakable defiance and a necessary blaze of optimism. Their work turns empathy, resilience, and solidarity into an illuminating force, proving that creative expression can still raise people up when the world feels unbearably heavy.”

Exhibiting Artists: Amended Archives, Olivia Rachel Austin, Carrie Bennett, Brooke Elizabeth, H. Buchholz, Patricia Brown, Laurie Buman, Sarah Chavez, Heather Crawford, Julianna Dail, Loren Dann, Whitney Dirks, Susanna Eisenman, Erin Rae, Jamie Frontiera, Ellie Goodliffe, Set Gozo, S. Grant, Sandra Guze, Jenn Book Haselswerdt, S Kessler Kaminski, Maegan Kirschner, Victoria Kowalczyk, Kim Laurel, Gayla Lemke, Maiyan Linane, Clarissa Martinez, Jen McNulty, Melisa of MWY Pottery, Lori Moretti, Irene Nelson, Kathleen Cecilia Nesbitt, Julia Niepert, Carolyn Olson, Gali Orlen, Suzanne Papiewski, Sylvia Phillips, Jill Sarver Rossi, Amy L Ruddy, Fran Sampson, Nicole Schulman, Virginia Shepley, Sitaaj, Sharon Stanczak, Wendy L Starn, Rebecca C. Steiner, Linda Storm, Kim Stuart, Sahar Tarighi, Jennifer Taylor, Scotti Taylor, Cheryl A. Thomas, Rhonda Urdang, Gail M. Willert, Madeline Witek, Denise Yaghmourian, Isabel Zeng, Jane Zich

About the Juror: Julie Carpenter serves on WMG’s Board of Directors and is the former Director of Art & Programming at Epiphany Center for the Arts. She previously served as Executive Director of the Oak Park Art League. In 2024, she was named to Newcity Magazine’s Art50 for curatorial leadership and contributions to Chicago’s arts community.

Preview Screening: A special preview screening of *Quiet Piggy: We Cannot Be Silenced* will be presented at Epiphany Center for the Arts from 4:00-5:30pm on Sunday, February 15, 2026, during Woman Made Gallery’s “Winter Torch” event – a gathering of warmth and resilience, featuring storytelling by Maureen Muldoon, poetry by Jae Green, and the music of Robinlee Garber.

Learn more at: <https://epiphanychi.com/events/winter-torch-a-gathering-of-warmth-and-resistance/>

View the exhibition online: <https://womanmade.org/quiet-piggy>

(Banner image: Melisa @MWYPottery)

Gallery Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 12–5 PM

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