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Contained and Containing: Reesor and Mackie at ARTSPLACE

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (February 5, 2026) – ARTSPLACE Gallery welcomes "Duality," an exhibition of recent small-scale mixed media works by artists Sarah Reesor and Ray Mackie. This marks the third time the two artists have presented together, continuing a shared visual and conceptual dialogue that has developed over several years of parallel practice.

Working within a restrained 20 cm square format, Reesor and Mackie explore liminal space through subdued colour palettes, vessel forms, and a careful balance between structure and vulnerability. Themes of pattern, wrapping, repetition, and containment recur throughout the exhibition, creating a quiet but resonant rhythm across the works.

"The intimate scale of the MYM Gallery at ARTSPLACE provides a fitting setting for this focused and contemplative body of work. 'Duality' offers a nuanced exploration of transformation through quiet, carefully constructed works that invite sustained looking and reflection," said Sophie Paskins, Gallery Director.

"Duality" reflects ideas of rebirth, transformation, and the coexistence of opposing states. The exhibition considers the container and the contained as both physical and metaphorical forms, engaging with notions of struggle, doubt, and personal transition. Gender, identity, and the shifting nature of reality are approached not as fixed concepts, but as evolving conditions that can hold multiple truths at once.

Reesor's mixed media practice combines illustration, pattern making, and text. Her work often centres on familiar objects and textile forms, using language as a connective thread between image and thought. Text is presented as partial conversations, at times wry or oblique, introducing a deliberate openness and sense of fragmentation that invites interpretation.

Mackie describes his practice as an archaeology of lived experience. The vessel functions as a recurring metaphor in his work, while knitting, wrapping, and weaving reference an evolving consciousness. His projects operate as forms of self-portraiture, shaped by process and material.

"Duality" opening reception, Sat. February 21, 2026, 12-2 p.m. Light refreshments served, all welcome. Exhibition continues through April 11.

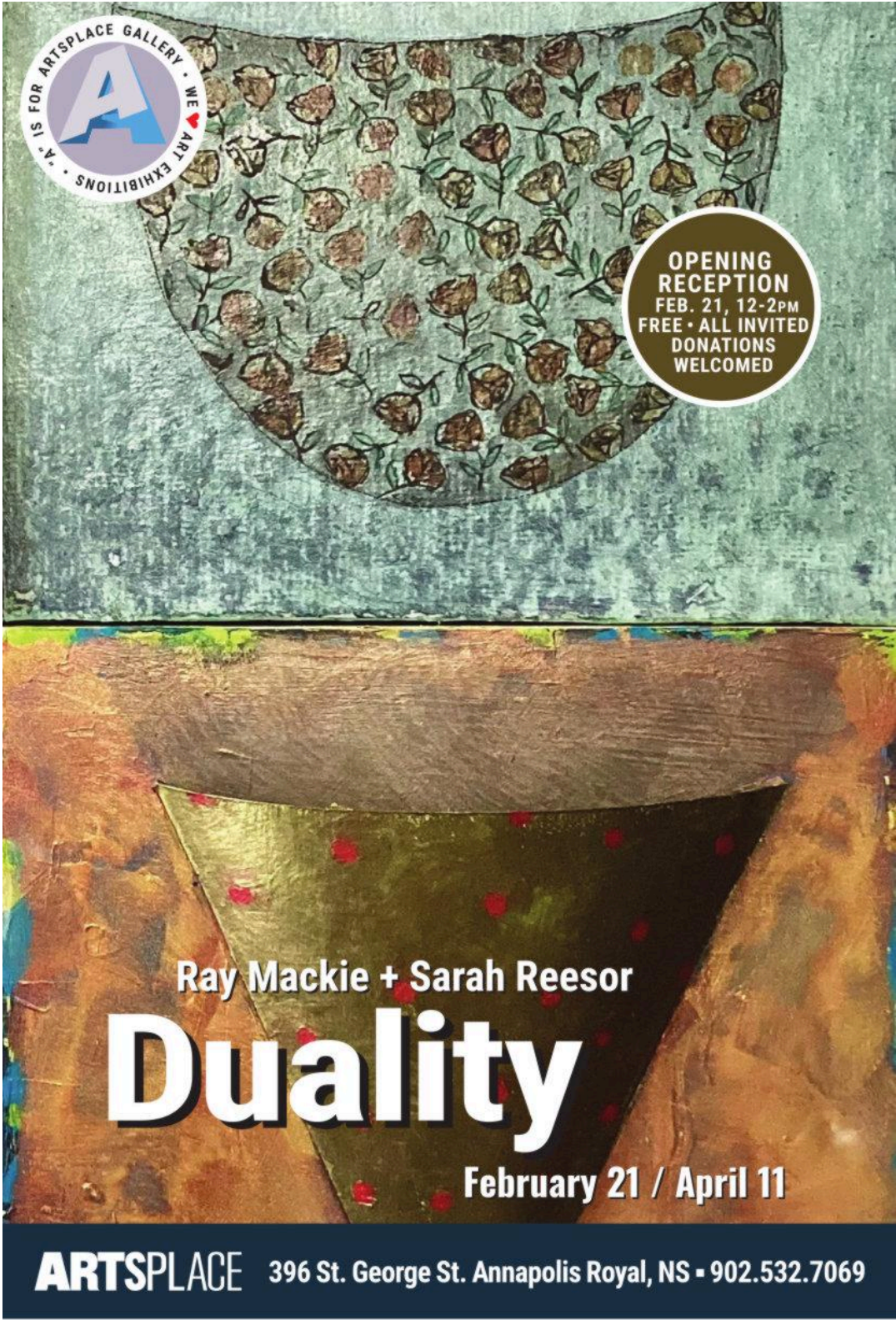
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