

**ALBUQUERQUE-BASED ARTIST, RICA MAESTAS CLOSES SOLO EXHIBITION AT VITAL SPACES WITH VISCERAL PERFORMANCE**

***-I'm Sorry (I cannot hold you.)* closes with a somber meditation on the manifestation of hurt in the body, and the small acts that can ease the suffering of another.**

Closing July 24, 2022, 6-8 PM  
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(Santa Fe, NM, July 5, 2022) – Closing July 24 from 6-8 pm, *I'm Sorry (I cannot hold you.)* is a solo exhibition of multidisciplinary artworks by Rica Maestas at Vital Spaces Midtown Annex gallery [[1600 Saint Michael's Drive SW Annex, Midtown Campus Santa Fe, NM 87505](#)]. To close the show, Maestas presents an interactive performance probing the manifestation of hurt in the body as well as the small acts of kindness that can ease the suffering of another.

“Rica's work somehow tugs at every emotion all at once,” says Executive Director of Vital Spaces, Raashan Ahmad. “It invites so much feeling. The experience is beautiful and jarring and perfect.”

The varied works in *I'm Sorry (I cannot hold you.)* explore inherited hurt, permeable boundaries, and dubious catharsis. Through a selection of paintings, sculptures, and performance documentation, the exhibition attempts to unearth, excise, and exorcize intermingled personal and historical traumas from the body as well as place.

**The exhibition is available for viewing on Fridays from 12-8pm, as well as by appointment. Contact Rica Maestas at [ricamaestas@gmail.com](mailto:ricamaestas@gmail.com) to schedule a viewing time.**

### **About Rica Maestas**

Rica Maestas is a burqueñ artist, author, and arts worker nurturing spaces where no one has to be whole. Inspired by home, loneliness, hybridity, and misunderstanding, Maestas makes little treasures, gifts, offerings, and rituals as invitations into dreamy and emotionally demanding spaces.

Maestas holds a MA in public humanities from Brown University and has received numerous grants for her socially engaged projects, performances, paintings, and assemblages. Her multidisciplinary practice has included exhibiting artwork and curating independent and institutional projects, publishing written work in diverse forums, and participating in the Santa Fe Art Institute's Labor Residency. Profiles of her artistic and curatorial work have appeared in the Coastal Post, the Providence Journal, the Brown Daily Herald.

### **About Vital Spaces**

Vital Spaces is a Santa Fe-based 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to sustain and enhance Santa Fe's cultural vibrancy by creating affordable spaces for artists working in all media to create, present, connect, and teach.

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