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(Marfa, TX) RULE Gallery is pleased to present *Where You Are Not*, a duo exhibition of new work by Caleb Hahne and Molly Bounds, at the Marfa, Texas location. The show will open with a public reception on Friday, October 6, 2017, from 6-9pm, and will be on view October 6, 2017 through January 6, 2018. RULE Gallery is located at 204 E. San Antonio St., Marfa, TX.

Where You Are Not is an intimate discussion between artists Caleb Hahne and Molly Bounds regarding themes of vulnerability, sacrifice, and cycles of dysfunction. The collaboration is fueled by a joint desire to expand the boundaries of emotional balance through shared but separate experiences of longing.

In a new series of paintings Caleb Hahne navigates a narrative of loss and self-reflection exploring the formative experiences throughout his life and into the present. Poignant depictions of draped cloth and abstracted figures suggest embedded memories contained within. Both subjects evoke the melancholy of those we have lost and how we hold onto them by keeping items, like clothing that retain their shape and smell. From a technical standpoint, Hahne's paintings conduct a forensic study into a palette of blue, which both emits and imbibes deep engagement with physical and psychological distance. Hahne, in dealing with his own dualities of desire and loss; societal expectation and internal motivations, sees these aspects of blue as an apt metaphor for where he is now.

Conversely, Molly Bounds' work explores a history of emotional labor by working across mediums significant to the women of her lineage. The artist blends lived experience of heredity with antiquated icons of femininity in an attempt to measure the outcome and benefits of traits commonly connoted with goodness. This includes the perceived universality of empathy in women. The work on display questions how far women choose or are held back by emotional subservience. Through ceramic sculpture, portraiture and gestural renderings, Bounds re-imagines primordial relics, cautionary tales and moral warnings for posterity on the dangers of being selfless.

Both artists, in their practice and process, express visual field notes in a common pursuit of the question, "What makes us human?" While their perspectives come from oppositional margins of experience, where the grass is always greener, the distance to the center may be closer than you think. *Where You Are Not* may not be far from where you are.

Caleb Hahne (b. 1993) graduated from Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design in 2014 and currently lives and works in Colorado. His art has been included in multiple solo and group exhibitions in Denver, New York, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, Portland, Montreal, Berlin, and the United Kingdom and most recently at Museum of Contemporary Art Denver as well as the New Museum, NY, in collaboration with adidas. His first solo exhibition with RULE came in Denver in 2016. Hahne has been featured in Juxtapoz, Hi-Fructose, and Booooooom.com. Denver Westword named Hahne, at age 21, one of the 100 Colorado



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Creatives of 2014 and one of the Top 10 Artists to watch in 2015. He is also listed as one of the top 10 contemporary artists under 40 by WideWalls.

Molly Bounds (b. 1990) is a Texas-born artist raised in Colorado. After receiving her BFA from Metropolitan University of Denver in 2014, her work was included in multiple group shows in Denver, Los Angeles, Oakland, and Portland, and recently had solo exhibitions at Leisure Gallery and the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, after which she was awarded Best Solo Show in 2016 by Denver Westword. She is a current resident artist at RedLine Contemporary Art Center and has recently begun running an art book residency out of her home in Denver.

RULE Gallery has exhibited contemporary, abstract and conceptual works, including paintings, sculpture, photography, and works on paper, by both established and emerging national artists, since 1991. The gallery has locations in Denver, Colorado, and Marfa, Texas. For more information, visit www.rulegallery.com or (303) 800-6778. RULE Marfa is located at 204 East San Antonio St, Marfa, TX. Hours are Wednesday – Saturday 11a – 5p and by appointment.