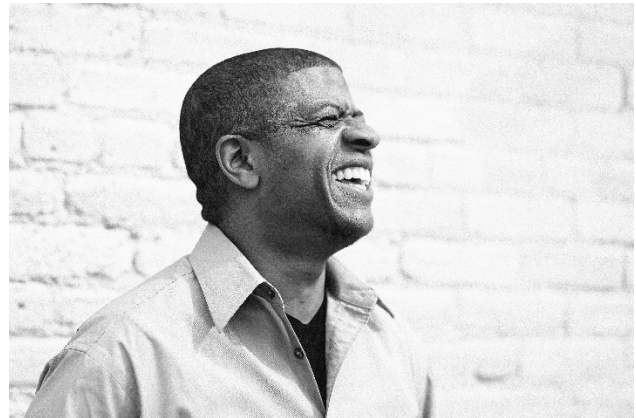


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### ***Queer Joy: LGBTQ Portraits in Pairs*** **Works by Cate Barry**



**WHAT:** ***Queer Joy: LGBTQ Portraits in Pairs***  
**Works by Cate Barry**

**WHEN:** Exhibition Dates: September 21 – November 15, 2019  
Artist reception: **Wednesday, October 2, 5:30-7pm**  
Gallery & Library Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 8 pm; Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday Closed

**WHERE:** Ives Gallery (Lower Level), New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, CT

**EVENT:** A free public artist reception Wednesday, October 2 from 5:30-7 pm in the Ives Gallery

#### **Artist Statement**

This exhibit focuses on LGBTQ and gender non-conforming subjects and explores performance, queer representation, and 'breaking' (involuntarily showing vulnerability) in front of the lens. Cate Barry is interested in how and why subjects feel "seen" in photographs, the ways in which we front, and what happens when we lose control.

The first in every pair shows a person or couple posing, self-conscious, performing identity the way we all do. The second in the pair shows the same person caught off-guard in genuine laughter. The duality offers a musing on performative identity and, simply, a reminder to the outside world that queer folks are not tragic. They are bright, fun, capable of joy and humor, often in love, and while undeniably affected by patriarchal, misogynistic structures of oppression, they are not defined by them.

### **About the Artist**

Cate Barry is a queer portrait photographer recently relocated to New Haven from Madison, Wisconsin. She lives in the Edgewood neighborhood of New Haven with her long-time partner KC, a comics artist and professor, and their dog, Memphis. Photographing people is her life's joy.

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### **About the Ives Gallery**

The Ives Gallery is proud to exhibit work that reflects and celebrates the rich diversity of greater New Haven's cultural community.

### **About the New Haven Free Public Library**

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes nearly 900,000 visitors annually through our front doors and digital portals, realizing its mission of fostering lifelong learning, inspiring curiosity, and building community through shared access to resources, experiences, and opportunities for all. The library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, 24/7 online services, the Readmobile bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Stetson and Wilson. Now and tomorrow, the New Haven Free Public Library will transform lives and contribute to creating a strong, resilient, and informed community where everyone can thrive.



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