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For immediate release:

PARADICE PALASE is pleased to present *Primordial Soup*, the 2nd Annual Members Exhibition for the platform. The exhibition includes work by 20 artists from our members network and is co-curated by member Cameron Ledy.

When considering this year's submission pool of works, the topic of escapism quickly took hold. Technicolor landscapes, abstracted hellscapes, playful collages - a Romantic theme was organically born from our final selections. The works presented toggle between reality and fantasy, the through-line being a collective desire for something better. The time for greed is gone; what will fill that vacancy?

The works in this exhibition connect back to the core - the body, the universe, the natural world. There is a celebration of life, of the goodness of Earth. Femme icons reign, flora and aqua fauna bloom and spin, and all the while we are reminded of the strange, euphoric, and psychedelic.

*Primordial Soup* asks - what is essential? For everyone? We - the people - are the sum of our parts - the individual - and we are only as mighty as our newest, as clever as our simplest, as healthy and safe as our least fortunate. So must we re-design, re-structure, re-learn, re-evaluate, how to best serve our most forgotten. We are an amalgam of pioneers, innovators, cultivators, relaxers, and celebrators. We are the soup of our strife, and of our glory. A giant pot of flavours and textures, each with its own path to creation, working together in perfect harmony.

Lest we allow the naysayer to tread over history, this exhibition reminds and recharges for a next generation.

## Artists included are:

Anais Öst, Cameron Ledy, Cynthia Reynolds, Deborah Yasinsky, Erin ONeill, Gabriella Mazza, Grant Stoops, Irina Rodnikoff, Julie K. Gray, Maria Liebana, Maria Stabio, Maxwell Abeles, Melissa Eder, Milk and Honey, Pamela Casper, Seren Morey, Sharilyn Neidhardt, Shemuel Phillip-Peters, Stascia Lynne, and Sunny Chapman.

Primordial Soup is on view at the gallery November 7 - 22, 2020. The gallery is located at 1260 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY. Hours are Saturdays 1-5pm and by appointment. The reception will be Friday 11/13 6-9pm and RSVP is required to attend. For more information and to RSVP please visit www.paradicepalase.com/primordialsoup. To browse all available works, visit our Artfare page.

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