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PRESS RELEASE**Dawn DeDeaux: *Bitter Sweet Crust***

Exhibition Dates: April 1–June 17, 2023
Opening Reception: Saturday, January 7 from 5–8 pm
Gallery Location: 432 Julia Street, New Orleans, LA 70130
Hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 10 am–5 pm
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Arthur Roger Gallery is delighted to announce the opening of *Bitter Sweet Crust*, a thought-provoking exhibition of works by the renowned artist, Dawn DeDeaux. On view from April 1 to June 17, 2023, at the Arthur Roger Gallery, 432 Julia Street, New Orleans, the show marks DeDeaux's ninth exhibition with the gallery. The opening reception, with the artist in attendance, will take place on Saturday, April 1, from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Bitter Sweet Crust features digitally-manipulated images of sugar cane, printed on mirror and brushed aluminum, paired with historical objects and *Tools Departing Definition*, a collection of digitally printed historical objects arranged as a reliquary for a ruined planet. The exhibition is a commentary on the human impact on the Anthropocene, particularly the sugar industry's exploitation of humans and the earth's crust. DeDeaux's work challenges us to confront our abuse of the earth and each other for the sake of a sweet fix.

In *Tools Departing Definition*, DeDeaux presents a collection of eclectic objects arranged as a reliquary for a ruined planet, displayed as scientific specimens or anthropological artifacts. The objects serve as poignant reminders of life on earth, and imply that leaving the planet will be a painful experience, with abandoning its material richness and diversity being one of the terrible costs of our destructive actions.

Dawn DeDeaux is an accomplished New Orleans-based artist who has exhibited throughout the country, including at the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Armand Hammer Museum, the Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, MASS MoCA, and the New Orleans Museum of Art. Her groundbreaking work as a new media artist has been reviewed in national publications. DeDeaux is a recipient of the Rome Prize as the Knight Foundation Visiting Southern Artist and 2013 Artist in Residence at the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation.

For more information please contact the Arthur Roger Gallery at 504.522.1999 or visit our website at arthurorogergallery.com.



Sugarcane Blade Tongues 1, 2020 | Film still on metal panel | 24 inch diameter