# Mikey Mosher Artist's Statement Keys to the Castle

This body of work brings together the mediums of found object assemblage, lenticular printing, and digital fabrication to explore themes of spirituality, nostalgia and homesickness. Broadly, this collection of pieces attempts to find harmony between the everyday and the unusual. This contrast is pursued on multiple levels of each piece. Most prominently, it exists between the reverent, altar-like scenes featured in the prints, and the extremely plain and otherwise unremarkable objects of which those scenes are composed. Zooming out, the oddity of the lenticular print format combined with the hyper-simple pictorial symbols featured on the laser-engraved frames add another layer of contrast. The pieces reference and invert a paradigm found in Renaissance religious artworks in which hyper-specific and precious symbols, icons, and artifacts point to a carefully-protected spiritual reality; thereby portraying a spiritual truth that is exceedingly commonplace and accessible to everybody.

## Mikey Mosher Bio

Mikey Mosher is an interdisciplinary artist from Massachusetts, currently based in Chicago. He holds an MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Much of Mikey's work is influenced by his academic background in Religious Studies and revolves around the act of collecting and arranging objects, images, and materials in combination with design, woodworking, and digital fabrication.

## Mikey Mosher Resume

### **Education**

2022

MFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), Chicago, IL

2016

BA Religious Studies, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

#### **Solo Exhibitions**

2024

Keys to the Castle, @ Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago IL

2023

Container Continuum, @ The Martin, Chicago, IL

Biofeedback, @ Compound Yellow, Oak Park, IL

2022

Phantasmagoria, @ Ephiphany Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL

Untitled Floating House & As Above So Below, @ Ogden Arts Plaza, Ogden, UT 2022

Looking At/Looking Through, @ SAIC Galleries

### **Group Exhibitions**

God and everybody, @ LVL3 Chicago

2023

Reliquary, @ Positive Space Studios

10 Desirous Adjustments, @ Switch Hook Projects

Studio Warming, @ Ogden Studios

EXPO Chicago, via LVL3 Chicago

Spacore, @ Co-Prosperity Chicago

Nice Work 2, @ SULK Chicago

2022

Sproftacchel Park, @ Comfort Station

Room to Breathe, @ Bend Gallery; Online Exhibition

Room to Breathe, @ University of Akron Cummings Center; Akron, OH

Room to Breathe, @ Gallery 2, Washington State University; Pullman, WA

## **Awards / Residencies**

2023

Individual Artists Program (IAP) Grant, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), Chicago, IL

Artist of the Week, LVL3 Chicago

2022

Farwell House Residency, Summer 2022, Frederick, IL

March Featured Film Photographer, LATITUDE Chicago

## **Collections**

Indiana University; Bloomington, IN Kent State University, Kent, OH

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL