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“SAFE SPACE”

Marissa Paternoster and Delia Kovac are best friends. They began a collaborative drawing project in 2009. SAFE SPACE is a co-created drawn environment using drawing and printmaking to paying homage to their friendship. SAFE SPACE displays the pleasure of mark making, rock n’ roll, and unconditional love in times of darkness.

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Kovac holds a BFA in Printmaking from the Rhode Island School of Design and an MFA from the Mason Gross School of the Arts of Rutgers University. She worked for 10 years as an artist, she retired in 2012. Her work is in the collection of the RISD museum, the Zimmerli Art Museum, Art Gallery of New South Wales, and the Rhode Island Historical Society. She worked in Professional Fine art printshops on three continents including the Singapore Tyler Print Institute and the Brodsky Center in New Brunswick, NJ. Currently she serves on the board of Girls Rock! RI and Equity Acton the RI Foundation fund for LGBTQ concerns.

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Paternoster holds a BFA from the Mason Gross School of the Arts of Rutgers University. She has been working for the past nine years as a musician, who tours internationally with her band, Screaming Females. Her music projects include Screaming Females, Noun, and the Bad Canoes.