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Grace (Gray) Winburne: *dinner table talk*

February 1 - 25, 2024

First Friday: February 2, 5 – 8:30pm

Artist's Reception: Saturday, February 17, 2 – 5pm

Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 11am – 5pm & by appointment

Grace (Gray) Winburne's exhibition *dinner table talk* explores the perception of fat bodies through craft techniques and world-building, questioning how we view our own bodies in contemporary culture, the stigmas surrounding fatness, and the pervasiveness of consumption and critique of each other's bodies.

dinner table talk serves as a queer, kitsch diorama of the fat body that asks the viewer to examine their reactions to it. The work featured was born from studies in which the artist recreated fat torsos as soft sculptures, investigating whether these comforting plush forms altered the viewer's interpretation of fatness and fat people. Now, Winburne presents more developed, larger scale versions, incorporating research into fat studies to make specific cultural connections as the artist picks apart what makes up the fat body. Delving deeper into material exploration, attention to detail, and surface treatment, the result is a ritual honoring and celebration of fat people that simultaneously calls into question what it is about fatness that is so off-putting in the first place.

Grace (Gray) Winburne is a multidisciplinary sculptor from Houston, Texas, working within the intersections of fatness and queerness in the contemporary landscape. They received a BA in Honors Visual Arts and Engineering from Brown University in 2021 and an MFA from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University in 2024. Their work has been featured in Boston, Providence, Houston, and online spaces. Recent highlights include *Fresh Faces* at Abigail Ogilvy Gallery, *The Winter Showcase* at Till Art Wave, and an upcoming Thesis show with their MFA cohort. They also have experience in curation, including a project through Students Curate Students titled *Party of One*.

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