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Lake Country Art Gallery Opens *Dark Arts*: A Contemporary Art Exhibition with a Macabre Twist

Opening Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 2 pm

Lake Country Art Gallery is frightfully delighted to present *Dark Arts*, an immersive exhibition that invites contemporary artists to explore what happens when the boundaries between an art gallery and a haunted house begin to blur. Featuring eight artist-conceptualised rooms, the exhibition brings together a range of artistic disciplines, unsettling encounters and interactive experiences in a macabre journey that promises the unexpected.

About the Exhibition

Dark Arts began with a question:

What if contemporary artists were given the keys to a haunted house?
What aesthetics would be explored? What themes and topics?

The scare attraction is an art form enjoyed by millions, yet it rarely finds itself within the walls of an art gallery. For the first year of what is envisioned as an annual event, 8 rooms have been conceptualised by artists across an array of disciplines, emotions and expectations. From the familiar with a twist, to the totally unexpected. From spook to solipsism, visitors can expect a journey with a set beginning and end, punctuated by an array of surprises that explore the boundaries of both a gallery space and a haunted attraction, and perhaps the unspoken connections between them. As the journey continues, visitors can expect to stray further and further away from the conventions of a haunted house or a gallery, into spaces that typically belong in neither.

Interactivity reigns in *Dark Arts*. Shop in a devilish store brought to you by Pawel Lewendon, but be prepared to pay the true price. Explore apocalyptic words in Byron Johnson's confession booths and contemplate the power they have held over us for so long. Flick through Veronica Roth's book of 1000 spells, on the table of a fortune teller who may or may not have stolen her crystal ball from an alien civilisation. Elsewhere, Angela Hansen explores mycelium, an underground fungal network that runs through our planet. Glenn and Coco Clark trade gothic imagery across generations. Rylan Broadbent explores the horror of the self, Asana Hues explores the expansion and metamorphosis of the self, Laura McCarthy transforms the entrance of the gallery into a grotesque facade, and Angelina Rosa lets you in on an intimate, naturally occurring slice of folk horror with implications that reach deep into the human mind.

Dark Arts opens Saturday, October 24, at 2 pm.
The only way out is through.

Exhibition Details
Exhibition: *Dark Arts*
Opening: Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 2 pm
Venue: Lake Country Art Gallery
NEW Gallery HOURS: 12pm – 6pm until November 29th

Accompanying Images

- **Angela Hansen creates mycelium**
- ***Asana Hughes explores metamorphosis of the self***
- ***Byron Johnson builds his confession booths***
- ***Laura McCarthy grotesque welcome***

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