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Art21 to Release New Film featuring Tau Lewis

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New York, New York – Art21 is proud to announce the premiere of a new film featuring artist Tau Lewis on Wednesday, February 1, at 12:00 PM ET. The first 2023 release of Art21’s digital film series, *New York Close Up*, the film offers a look into the work and creative process of the New York City-based artist.

“It’s really easy to lose yourself within the making part of things,” says artist Tau Lewis. Working with found fabrics in the quiet of her Brooklyn studio, Lewis and her team bring an uncommon attentiveness, care, and intention to the creation of her large-scale, figurative sculptures. Shot on 16-millimeter film, this documentary short evocatively captures the making of a suite of monumental sculptures that seem to radiate their own personalities and desires.

“It was such a privilege to witness Tau’s creative process, including the collaboration in her studio, which felt like a chamber orchestra,” says Crystal Kayiza, Director of the film. “Tau’s work offers a portal to explore spiritual realms and past lives and my hope is that this film offers a window into Tau’s silent conversation with the material.”

Tune in to the premiere of Art21's newest release featuring Tau Lewis on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 12PM ET at [Art21.org](https://www.art21.org) and on Art21's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/art21org. To learn more email Art21 Manager of Communications, Hannah DeGarmo, at hannah@art21.org.

About New York Close Up

New York Close Up (NYCU) is devoted to capturing early career artists living and working in New York City. NYCU films have been accepted and honored by over 100 film festivals, including the BlackStar and DOC NYC film festivals, as well as the Academy Awards-qualifying, Big Sky Documentary Film Festival. NYCU films have also been honored with 2 Webby Award nominations and 6 Vimeo Staff Picks. Most recently, NYCU films have been accepted at the 2022 Frameline, Fullframe Documentary Film Festival, Miami Film Festival, and Rooftop Films.

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