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**Art21 to Release new film:  
"Naudline Pierre: A Place Other Than Here"**



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New York, New York – Art21 is proud to announce the release of a new film: "Naudline Pierre: A Place Other Than Here" premiering Wednesday, May 15th at 12:00 p.m. ET on Art21.org and YouTube. The fourth 2024 release of Art21's digital film series, New York Close Up, "Naudline Pierre: A Place Other Than Here," explores the large-scale paintings and mystical influences of the New York City-based artist.

[Watch the trailer.](#)

Whether painting in her Brooklyn studio or roaming amidst the medieval artworks at The Met Cloisters, artist Naudline Pierre reframes traditional representations of religion and spirituality, finding freedom in a world of her own making—where the airborne and earthbound coexist and cooperate.

"Fantasy for me is survival," says Naudline Pierre in the film. "It's not just pleasure, it's essential. It has been for my whole life."

"Making this film was akin to being granted access to Naudline's realm," says Haimy Assefa, the film's director. "Her embrace of fantasy not only influenced our cinematography but also sparked experimental elements within the film. We seized cinematic opportunities to warp reality at times, inviting viewers on a journey into the fantastical."

Tune in to the premiere of "Naudline Pierre: A Place Other Than Here" on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. ET at [Art21.org](https://art21.org) and on Art21's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/art21org](https://www.youtube.com/art21org). To learn more, email Art21 Senior Manager of Communications, Hannah DeGarmo, at [hannah@art21.org](mailto: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 8 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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