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A SLATE OF EXHIBITIONS in New York explore a range of mediums, including painting, photography, and sound installation. Among the shows are a thoughtful conversation between the works of Glenn Ligon and late composer Julius Eastman; surveys of new works by Lina Iris Viktor and Todd Gray; and presentations by Tyler Mitchell and Saya Woolfalk in advance of their participation in major museum exhibitions in New York:



From left, SAYA WOOLFALK, "Birthing a New Sky: Starship Moon Cycle, 2022 (mixed media collage on paper, Sheet: 46 x 35 inches, Framed: 47 1/4 x 36 inches). I © Saya Woolfalk; SAYA WOOLFALK, "Untitled (4)," 2024 (ceramic head, glass neck, 20 3/4 x 10 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches). I © Saya Woolfalk, Photos: Adam Reich, Courtesy Susan Inglett Gallery

### **Saya Woolfalk: The Woods Woman Method @ Susan Inglett Gallery, 522 West 24th Street (Chelsea), New York, N.Y. | Jan. 31-March 15, 2025**

Saya Woolfalk makes works based on an imagined, hybrid species (Empathics) inspired by her own multicultural background (African American, Japanese, and European) and elements of science fiction, feminist theory, anthropology, and Eastern religion, as well as fashion. Empathics are "botanic humanoid beings" with a high capacity for empathy. In 2021, "Woods Women," a secret society of forest dwellers, grew out of this invented world and are the subject this show. Closing today, the presentation features more than 30 works spanning drawings, prints, mixed-media collages, sculpture, and video, produced between 2016 and 2024. The exhibition is presented in collaboration with Leslie Tonkonow Artworks + Projects. In April, "Saya Woolfalk: Empathic Universe," the artist's first major museum exhibition in New York, opens at The Museum of Arts & Design. **CT**