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Jennifer Nehrbaas • Pioneer Project

Sallie Scheufler • When the sky turned to dust

October 17–December 7

Reception: Saturday, November 9, 6–8 pm

Richard Levy Gallery is pleased to present **Pioneer Project** a solo exhibition of constructed landscape and portrait paintings by **Jennifer Nehrbaas**. In the project room, the gallery features **When the sky turned to dust**, an installation of wheat weavings by **Sallie Scheufler**. Both Albuquerque artists explore the intersections of land and identity.

Pioneer Project features new paintings by **Jennifer Nehrbaas**. The paintings oscillate between realism and construction. By incorporating different people in each portrait and various places in her landscapes, Nehrbaas uses layering as a visual metaphor for the multifaceted nature of identity. She's interested in the tension of the in-between of past/ present, thoughts/dreams, reality/ imagination and race/culture.

Jennifer Nehrbaas spent ten years working as a design director at Ralph Lauren before pursuing her art career. Her work has been featured in *Hi-Fructose Art*, *American Art Collector*, and *HuffPost*, among other publications. Nehrbaas's work was recently acquired by the Brooklyn Museum and the New Mexico Arts Collection and is included in private and public collections worldwide. She is one of five *New Mexico Women to Watch 2024* by the National Museum of Women in the Arts. The artist currently lives and works in Albuquerque.

In the project room, the gallery presents **Sallie Scheufler's When the sky turned to dust**, an installation made up of intricate wheat weavings. The large-scale text piece explores the artist's family connection to the Great Plains during and after the Dust Bowl, highlighting how settlers and capitalism have historically and currently contributed to climate change. Scheufler's work has been exhibited at the Center for Contemporary Art in Santa Fe, the Amarillo Museum of Art, Art League Houston, and the University of New Mexico Art Museum and reviewed in publications such as *Southwest Contemporary*, *Glasstire*, and the *Weekly Alibi*. Scheufler currently lives and works in Albuquerque, NM.

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Gallery Hours: Thursday–Saturday, 11 am–4 pm or by appointment

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