

Erica Everage **Sheela in the Wall** 2023
Acrylic and raw pigment on reclaimed foam mat mounted on wood frame 14.25 in x 11 x 5.75 in





(side view)

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Sheela Ablaze

2023

Acrylic & raw pigment on reclaimed foam composite matting mounted on wooden box frame

19.5 in x 11 in x 6 in



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Mining
2023

Acrylic, wax, coral resin and raw pigment on reclaimed foam mat and acetate mounted on wood frame
19 in x13.5 in x6.5 in



Erica Everage *Puzzling Quarry*Raw pigments, acrylic, wax and copal resin on reclaimed foam matting mounted on wood 31in x 21 in x 2.75 in



Erica Everage *Ggantija (Hidden Architecture)* 2023
Dye, Raw pigments, acrylic, mortar paste, spackle, shellac on reclaimed foam matting mounted on wood panel 37 in x 72 in x 2.75 in

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Apotropaic Display
2023

Watercolor, dye and raw pigment on burlap 16 in x 20 in



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Lounging Megalith

2023

Raw pigment, chalk pastel and wax on burlap
9 in x 12 in



Erica Everage *Glyph* 2023
Raw pigment, chalk pastel and wax on burlap 12 in x 9 in





Erica Everage *Goddess with Her Consort* (diptych) 2023
Dye, raw pigment and acrylic on burlap 14 in x 22 in Each panel is 14 in x 11 in



Erica Everage **Sheela Motif**2023
Raw, natural pigment and wax on burlap
12 in x 9 in



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Mini Shadow Dancer
2023

Raw, natual pigment and watercolor on burlap
14 in x 11 in

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Erica Everage (b. 1987, Los Angeles, CA) is an L.A.-based visual artist. She won a Los Angeles Music Center Spotlight Award in 2005 for her drawing, which earned her an apprenticeship with the late sculptor Robert Graham, who taught her to sculpt. Erica has a BA in Theatre from Northwestern University and an MFA in Fine Art from Otis College of Art and Design. Her passions for history, feminism, storytelling, and dance all inform her current work as a painter. Some of the most recent presentations of her work include a solo exhibition titled In Her Image at Hotel Figueroa in Los Angeles (on view through February 2024), as well as a group exhibition with The Cooler x Reclaim in Fresno, CA.

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Process-driven and oriented around specific materials, Everage works between color, texture, and structure while evolving ancient or abandoned imagery in contemporary forms. Folding the past into the present, she refinds blurry connections between history and memory, with attention to perennial—though perhaps forgotten—symbols that epigenetically determine relations between gendered modes of embodiment and (recognizable) categories of identity.

In particular, many of the figures from which she works in abstraction are feminine Western deities or idol-types—such as the "Sheela na gig"—placed along pathways or above doors (or any portal-like structure): guardians of a hole marking a hovel. At the same time, her use of interstitial materials, such as burlap and artificial turf sub-base, suggests that this engagement with voids per voided, discarded, or in-between substances begins on the level of the substrates of her work. Confronting patriarchal notions of openings or holes as mere absence (of the phallus), she works with a void as a surface or object in itself, and not necessarily as an emptiness.