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Sonya Tanai Ford

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I SEE YOU is Sonya Tanae Fort's visual diary and ode to the places and people who have become a core part of her identity. Her subjects form a larger network of connection that transcends people and places. Both documentation and expression, her work captures the depth of feeling she has for her subjects and creates a space that unites themes of love, lineage, heritage, intimacy, community, memories, and self-reflection. Included in the exhibition is a section devoted to Fort's travels to Cape Verde and the spirit of Morabeza — the uniquely Cape Verdean expression that encompasses a welcoming attitude, warmth, hospitality, community, and connection, she has experienced both here and on the islands. Through friendship, family, community, language, and faith, Cape Verdean people and culture have also greatly impacted her life. This exhibition is Fort's thank you and "obrigadu" to the people, places, and values she holds dear.

**SPECIAL EVENT: The Spirit of Morabeza –
people, places and culture of Cape Verde**
October 12, 2025, 5:00-7:00 pm

N STA ODJABU é un diáriu vizual i un omenáji di Sonya Tanae Fort pa lugaris i pesoas ki bira párti isensial di se identidadi. Se trabadju ta forma un redi más grandi di koneksions ki ta bai alén di pesoas i lugaris. Es é tantu un dokumentason i spreson, ki ta kaptura profundidadi di sentimentus ki el ten pa ses sujeitus i kria un spasu ki ta uni témas sima amor, linhajen, eransa, intimidadi, kumunidadi, lenbransas i auto-refleksion. Es spuzison ta inklui un sekson didikadu pa viajens ki Fort faze pa Cabo Verde i el ta kaptura sprítu di Morabeza — un spreson singular kabuverdianu ki ta engloba un atitudi ospitaleru, akonxegu, unidadi, kumunidadi i koneksion ki el vive tantu na Mérka kómu na ilhas. Através di amizadi, família, kumunidadi, língua i fé, povu i kultura kabuverdianu tevi un grandi inpaktu na se vida. Es spuzison é un manera di Fort agradezi pesoas, lugaris i valoris ki el ta apresia txeu.

**DATA DI EVENTU SPESIAL: Spritu di Morabeza –
pesoas, lugaris i kultura di Cabo Verde**
12 di October di 2025, 5:00-7:00 pm

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