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Time Symbols

Michel Rae Varisco: 'Neheh' — Time Symbols starting April 22 at Crary Gallery

Coming to the Crary Art Gallery next month, from April 22 through May 13, is Michel Rae Varisco's "Neheh" — Time Symbols.

Making art helps Michel Varisco express and understand her emotions as she navigates the challenges of life as a mom to son Rivers and wife to Steve Gleason, the New Orleans NFL star who has been living with ALS for nearly seven years.

Varisco's work portrays an array of unique symbols, woven into patterns and distinct color combinations that are evocative of her internal world. Long hospital hours and a non-stop sense of anguish, fear, confusion (and all those things one feels when a disrupting disease like ALS comes barging in to one's world) led Michel to a sketchpad and colored pencils, and eventually believing in herself as an artist, expressing moments in time through her art.

"Neheh" is the Egyptian symbol of time. Inspired by the clear moment that each of her pieces represents for her, the title of her show could not be more fitting.

Check out www.michelraevarisco.com

for more information on the artist and additional samples of her work.

What started as a video diary from Steve to their son became the Amazon movie Gleason, launched at Sundance last year. The crary is proud and excited to host the premiere art gallery exhibit of Michel's works. Meet Michel at the opening of her exhibition "Neheh" and stay tuned for details on a special event on Sunday, April 23 — watch the movie with Michel and hang out for Q&A to follow.

Watch the trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgkQU32XSFO>

NBC Super Bowl Feature:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5b1urNSL488>

They were just on the Today Show:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5m1dBAbCBIO>

ABC News interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQUD2xPkh-U>

While her emerging as an artist is independent from her husband's work for ALS, for reference, here is Team Gleason foundation's

<http://www.teamgleason.org>



Michel Varisco Gleason

