

Upcoming Exhibit: The Little Things

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Stares on Stairs is creating a collaborative exhibit at M Gallery Titled “The Little Things.” The goal is to express the aspects of sexual assault that people don’t usually think about or acknowledge as central to survivor’s experiences. We want to highlight the little things that survivors remember but often get brushed over. Through the exhibit, survivors will be able to tell their stories as more than physical acts of violence and instead have the opportunity to speak through the objects that they connect to their assault. These “little things” could be anything: clothing, a particular song, a poem –anything that stands out as a reminder of what happened that moves past the physical violation. If they so choose, survivors will have the opportunity to write explanations or back stories for their submission to the exhibit that can be featured in the gallery as well. We want this exhibit to be a symbolic expression that survivors are more than objects. We hope to create an exhibit that allows us to purge ourselves of the meanings and stigmas that society attaches to certain objects, ways of dressing, or behaviors and reinforce that these myths are false. We hope that “The Little Things” will be a cathartic experience where survivors can reclaim autonomy, rid themselves of shame, and experience solidarity and validation from other survivors. Please consider submitting your little thing as a part of this art installation.

If you are interested in submitting, click the link here to access a google poll to give us more information about your “little thing” : https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJbHCo_Pg6iwaniO3hoEXDTsIujX331ip-eGP2LWA3X5votA/viewform?usp=sf_link