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SIMON BULL: THE FREE BIRDS OF LOCKDOWN

**EXHIBITION AND BOOK LAUNCH**

**March 26th - April 30, 2022**

Opening Reception: Saturday, March 26, 4pm - 6pm

Artist’s Talk and Q&A: 5pm

St Helena, CA. When the global pandemic first hit and lockdowns began, artist Simon Bull responded by giving away free art. Now, two years later, all 365 of the original brush and ink bird studies from that project have been cataloged in a new book: “**The Free Birds of Lockdown**”.

*“During lockdown, the idea of creating bird studies anyone could claim online for free appealed to me. It was a kind of antidote to the palpable fear and loss of freedom that pervaded the world, or my way of saying: 'the human spirit can not be caged, not by disease, government mandate or economic collapse'. Each little bird was personally created with its own character and attitude using techniques reminiscent of Chinese brushwork.“* - Simon Bull.

MEUSE Gallery in St Helena will be premiering an exhibition of these original bird studies and hosting a book signing with the artist in person.

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Complimentary wine graciously supplied by **HALL Wines**.

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