

Brandin Baron

ARTIST STATEMENT

Poor bird, thou'ldst never fear the net nor lime is from a series of work entitled **Stars Hide Your Fires** (2017-20); both titles are textual fragments from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Like the play, my artworks are cloaked in shadows, and roiling with atmospheric dynamism. I use *Macbeth*'s dramatic text to create imagery that compares the chaos of the natural and political worlds in Shakespeare's Kingdom of Scotland to America's current crisis of national identity. This series of paintings, photographs, assemblage, and mixed media takes on *MacBeth*'s themes of kingmaking, fortune, the glimmering world that exists beyond everyday reality, and the idealization and theatrical performance of violence.

Stars Hide Your Fires was presented as a solo exhibition at the Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, MO from May 8–June 19, 2020, and can be seen here:

<http://www.brandinbaron.com/index#/stars-hide-your-fires-2017>