

Carol Mavor, second year grad student in visual arts, to perform works based on two Italian folk tales

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Carol Mavor, a second year graduate student in the Department of Visual Arts at the University of California, San Diego, will present a performance based on two Italian folk tales at 8 p.m. Friday, September 24, in the Mandeville Recital Hall on the UCSD campus.

Mavor's work is based on the folk tales, "Cats in the Hole" and "Quack, Quack! Stick to My Back." Both stories, recorded by Italo Calvino in his recent collection of Italian folk tales, are, according to Mavor, insidious and macabre in the tradition of the Brothers Grimm.

A reception will follow the performance which is free and open to the public.

The first story, "Cats in the Hole," will include a narrator played by Daniella Avezzu; a good step daughter and a wicked daughter, both played by Mavor, and a family of cats carrying out the daily chores of domestic felines.

The props for this unusual household of cats have been painted and elaborately constructed by Mavor. They consist of a large family of cats - each with its particular attribute from the story -, a kitchen, some furnishings, some paintings and family photographs. The cat characters often have manipulable parts. For example, one cat has a removable ear that is torn off by the wicked daughter, another cat is further tormented with the loss of a tail, and still another is harassed by having her bucket overturned to spill wooden water.

The second story, "Quack, Quack! Stick to My Back," is of a similar mood and is, Mavor says, reminiscent of the fairy tale of the Golden Goose. This time the story is narrated by Mavor who is stuck on her very own goose throughout the story.

Music throughout both stories will be performed by Janos Negyesy, a professor of music in the Department of Music at UCSD.

The sculptures and props developed and used by Mavor during her performance will be on view October 4 through 8 in the Mandeville Annex Gallery. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m.

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