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Buffalo Arts Studio presents Gareth Lichy, *Warp and Weft*
March 26 - May 15, 2021

Virtual tour and artist talk via Live Facebook Online Event: Friday, March 26, 6:00pm
<https://fb.me/e/NPEdBVEs>

BUFFALO, NEW YORK —Buffalo Arts Studio presents a full gallery installation by Buffalo artist Gareth Lichy, whose sculptural practice consists of manipulating materials such as garden hose, construction fence, field marking tape, polypropylene rope, and galvanized wire. Lichy's work explores mass-production and manufacturing processes using ubiquitous materials reimagined as large-scale structures. His process manifests thousands of hours of careful and sustained labour carefully weaving, cutting, and tying materials into monumental representations of repetition and excess.

For *Warp and Weft*, Lichy has built a loom system to weave brightly colored, reflective field marking tape around and through the gallery space. The neon colored field tape, typically used to mark a path through nature, becomes hyper-energized within the white industrial space of the gallery, creating both visual and physical disruptions amplified by the vibrations caused by visitors in the space.

"Lichy's process is very labor intensive and very physical. The installation seems to store that energy and then transfer it to the visitors. The energy of Gareth's installation is exactly the jolt we need after this past year of quarantine and isolation." said curator Shirley Verrico.

Buffalo Arts Studio is open to the public Tuesday-Friday, 11:00-5:00pm and Saturday, 10am-2pm. Buffalo Arts Studio and Tri-Main Center adhere to masking and social distancing guidelines.

About Buffalo Arts Studio

Buffalo Arts Studio was established in 1991 to provide affordable studio space and impactful exposure for visual artists while also offering arts education and meaningful arts access for the entire community. Located on Buffalo's east side, Buffalo Arts Studio has enriched a previously underserved area through dynamic and engaging arts programming, educational opportunities, and community events. To plan a visit, go to BuffaloArtsStudio.org.

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Lichy, *Warp* (detail), 2016, multi-media with field marking tape