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*Black Cat***

A collaboration



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Poetry: All forms & styles



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## **At the American Visionary Art Museum: *Black Cat***

Startled, the bad-  
omen black cat stares  
at you, a voyeur suddenly here  
in this stark room, uninvited,  
it thinks, by the young,  
pig-tailed girl whose skin  
(ten shades duller than its bright  
feline eyes) squirms with the intricate

pattern of maggots. Now

you cannot not see  
the perched flies of eyebrows,  
their green and blue bodies twitching  
above her dead-sea eyes  
that watch you hatching  
into her, your un-combed hair  
tied-up by trespass, your mind  
her infested larvae of plague.

### About the writer:

Professor of English at Lock Haven University, **Marjorie Maddox** has published 13 collections of poetry—including *Begin with a Question* (Paraclete 2022), and the ekphrastic collaboration with Karen Elias *Heart Speaks, Is Spoken For* (Shanti Arts 2022)—the story collection *What She Was Saying* (Fomite), four children’s/YA books. In the Museum of My Daughter’s Mind, based on her daughter’s paintings, is forthcoming in 2023 (Shanti Arts).

### About the artist:

**Margaret Munz-Losch** is intrigued with the challenge of making compelling works built from elements that are often misunderstood, ignored, or even despised. Whereas the beauty of the figure draws viewers’ initial attention, the details of the work’s composition take them on an unexpected journey upon closer examination. Munz-Losch states: “I perceive all of life as a vivid and wild ride, fraught with equal measures of love, sorrow, and wonder; all completely connected in an unspeakably beautiful universe of chaos.”

### Image:

*Black Cat* from *Beauty and the Beasts*, a series by Margaret Munz-Losch (contemporary). Colored pencil and acrylic on panel. 30 x 30 inches. No date specified. By permission.

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