

# TUMBLING

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amniotic tranquility  
binding dove and serpent  
in endless, ethereal tumble  
echoes laughter through  
empty hallways  
taunting, calling  
my name—voices  
an unnatural familiar from  
séance to my side

as poltergeist mischievous  
ails a masked  
facade, drowning,  
falling, swimming,  
a spiritual  
ecosystem of wants  
tugging guttural chants  
from ritual prayer

all to softly fall into  
a fever-dream  
the censuring of kindred spirits  
a desperate cry  
for archetypal humanity



## THE NICK

photos by Caroline Williamson



# MOVIE MAGICK

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Artist's collective. Noise music group. Witchcraft coven.  
Radar open and eyes turned to the realm of the spirits, Alice Lilitu sings, ethereal sound captured in performances and neon green mp3s for download —only \$6.66 with a promise of “dissolving our oppressors in the liberatory ooze of our own revitalized unconscious.”

It is the energetic flow through time that draws Alice's coven to downtown Columbia, a relationship fusing her to the land and house spirits; structuring her life around these ideas, she harnesses and manifests her spirituality through performance art, melodic ritual, and spoken word.

An intrinsic link to facets of pre-patriarchal society, Tapp's Executive Director Caitlin Bright speaks to the rituals' abilities to comprehend power dynamics “sociologically, anthropologically, [and] culturally,” conjuring earth-based energy for salubrious intentions, and utilizing ‘wish-magick’ to reinforce affirmative action.

Powerfully intertwined with nature, Alice's musical rituals have found their home at both Tapp's and the Nickelodeon. Sharing the Wiccan world with the city at large through the former department store, common interest and shared understanding are fostered in the community; the allure of the theater can be seen in their inherent mystical connections. Alice says movie magic has played a large role in their decision to convene at the theater: the experience of existing in another world, if only momentarily, will always have an innate connection to her craft.