

Kat Toronto AKA
MISS MEATFACE
CURATED BY INDIRA CESARINE





The Untitled Space is pleased to present a special exhibit and event with Artist Kat Toronto aka Miss Meatface, who will be visiting from London, UK for an artist talk, zine signing and solo exhibition curated by gallery director Indira Cesarine launching on July 2nd, 2019. The exhibit, which features a selection of artwork created over the last several years, including photography, ceramics, zines, and videos, will additionally be on view from July 8-13, 2019.

Kat Toronto, AKA “Miss Meatface” is a multidisciplinary artist hailing from the San Francisco Bay Area who works in performance-based photography. She uses her often unsettling and surreal images to explore cultural ideals of feminine beauty and the objectification of women in a feminist society by toying with the push and pull of dominance and submission, as well as the acts of revealing and concealing. Diagnosed with a rare form of cervical cancer in 2010 that eventually led to a full hysterectomy in 2013, Kat uses the name “Miss Meatface” as an artistic and spiritual catalyst to delve into a complex set of questions about where she now fits into society as a woman. Kat currently resides in London, England. Her work has previously been featured in The Untitled Space group shows EDEN, (HOTEL) XX, SECRET GARDEN, SHE INSPIRES, UPRISE/ANGRY WOMEN, and ONE YEAR OF RESISTANCE, all curated by Indira Cesarine.

“My photographic persona Miss Meatface began in mid-2014 as an artistically therapeutic outlet for me while I was going through a particularly brutal period in my life: a year before I’d undergone a full hysterectomy for cervical cancer and my marriage was ending. The surgery had left me confused and conflicted, long after my body had physically healed my mind was still reeling from the experience. On the outside I looked just like any other person, but on the inside I no longer possessed certain organs that society seemed to place an enormous amount of importance on. So I began using photography - self portraiture in particular - as a way to explore concepts of sexuality, feminine beauty, and gender roles in an effort to try and dissect all of these complex thoughts that had been riddling my mind. Miss Meatface has since evolved into a larger than life personality and I continue to use her as a creative means to explore my own sexuality and the stereotyping of gender and gender roles in society as a whole.”

– Kat Toronto aka Miss Meatface



Demure Debutante, 2017
Photography Printed on Aluminum with Archival Ink
Limited Edition of 3
16" x 20" -or- 24" x 30"



Floral, 2017

Photography Printed on Aluminum with Archival Ink
Limited Edition of 3
16" x 20"



Dusting, 2017
Archival Ink Jet Print on Metallic Paper
Limited Edition of 3
Art 12" x 16", Framed 17" x 21"



Household Chores, 2017
Photography Printed on Aluminum with Archival Ink
Limited Edition of 3
24" x 20"



Forniphilia, 2016
Photography Printed on Aluminum with Archival Ink
Limited Edition of 6
18" x 12"



Pink Gloves, 2017
Photography Printed on Aluminum with Archival Ink
Limited Edition of 6
18" x 12"



Pink Rose
Archival Ink Jet Print on Metallic Paper
Limited Edition of 10
Art 10" x 8", Framed 16" x 12"



Parlour, 2016
Archival Ink Jet Print on Metallic Paper
Limited Edition of 3
Art 20" x 24", Framed 21" x 25"



No Time for Tears, 2016
Archival Ink Jet Print on Metallic Paper
Limited Edition of 3
Art 12" x 16", Framed 17" x 21"



Flying Saucers, 2016
Photography Printed on Aluminum with Archival Ink
Limited Edition of 3
16" x 20"



Queen Of Suburbia (#1), 2019
Photography Printed on Aluminum with Archival Ink
Limited Edition of 10
16" x 20"



Working From Bed, 2019
Photography Printed on Aluminum with Archival Ink
Limited Edition of 3
20" x 16"



Floral Premonitions, 2019

Antique Victorian photo album page with c-type print, framed

Unique

Art 8.25" x 11.6", Framed 13" x 17"



Blue Roses, 2019

Antique Victorian photo album page with c-type print, framed

Unique

Art 8.25" x 11.6", Framed 13" x 17"



My Better Half, 2019

Antique Victorian photo album page with c-type print, framed

Unique

Art 7.6" x 10.375", Framed 13" x 17"



Pink Carnations, 2019

Antique Victorian photo album page with c-type print, framed

Unique

Art 8.25" x 11.6", Framed 13" x 17"



Pulling Back The Curtain, 2019

Antique Victorian photo album page with c-type print, framed

Unique

Art 8.125" x 11.125", Framed 13" x 17"



Stephanie Adored Polka Dots, 2019
Antique Victorian photo album page with c-type print, framed
Unique
Art 8.25" x 11.6", Framed 13" x 17"



In Your Dreams, 2019

Antique Victorian photo album page with c-type print, framed
Unique

Art 8.125" x 11.125", Framed 13" x 17"



Tip-Toe, 2019
Antique Victorian photo album page with c-type print, framed
Unique
Art 8.25" x 11.6", Framed 13" x 17"



In Training Polaroid Group #3, 2017
Set of 4 Polaroid photographs
Unique
4.25" x 3.5"



Polaroid Heels, 2017
Polaroid photograph
Unique
4.25" x 3.5"



Polaroid Kitty, 2015
Polaroid photograph
Unique
4.25" x 3.5"



Miss Meatface: Amazing Stories, 2016

Polaroid photograph in vintage frame

Unique

Art 4.233" x 3.483", Framed 10.25" x 8"



Miss Meatface: Boudoir Dolls, 2015
Polaroid photograph in vintage frame
Unique
Art 4.051" x 3.996", Framed 8" x 8"



Miss Meatface: Grandma's Roses, 2016

Polaroid photograph in vintage frame

Unique

Art 4.051" x 3.996", Framed 8" x 8"



Miss Meatface: Summer, 2016
Polaroid photograph in vintage frame
Unique
4.2" x 3.5", Framed 9.5" x 7.25"



Miss Meatface: Sweets, 2016
Polaroid photograph in vintage frame
Unique
Art 4.233" x 3.483", Framed 10.5" x 9.5"



Miss Meatface & MeatMaid, 2019
Vintage china plate with photo transfer
Unique
7" diameter



Miss Meatface: A Dozen Roses, 2019
Vintage china plate with photo transfer
Unique
6.375" diameter



Miss Meatface: Amazing Stories, 2018
Vintage china plate with photo transfer
Unique
5.375" diameter



Miss Meatface: Desiree's Rose No. 2, 2018
Vintage china plate with photo transfer
Unique
7" diameter



Miss Meatface: Desiree's Rose No. 3, 2019
Vintage china plate with photo transfer
Unique
7" diameter



Miss Meatface: Desiree's Rose No. 4, 2019
Vintage china plate with photo transfer
Set of 2
6.5" diameter



Miss Meatface: Floral, 2018
Vintage china plate with photo transfer
Unique
9.375" diameter



Miss Meatface: Mae West, 2018
Vintage china plate with photo transfer
Unique
5.75" diameter



Miss Meatface: Mae West No. 2, 2018
Vintage china plate with photo transfer
Unique
5.5" diameter



Miss Meatface: Mae West No. 3, 2019
Vintage china plate with photo transfer
Set of 2
6.5" diameter

The “PRURIENT APPARITIONS’ ZINE” is limited edition print of 300 hand-signed and numbered copies. Each zine comes in a hand-sewn slipcover along with a collectible Miss Meatface postcard and photo pin and includes 24 pages printed in full color on silk 170 gsm paper.

“Celebrated 19th century art critic John Ruskin described orchids as “prurient apparitions” and made it no secret his disdain for his fellow Victorians’ obsession with this “over-sexualized” flower. While shooting the photographs featured in the zine I came to realize that the images, much like Ruskin’s orchids, were dripping with an ethereal prurience deeply rooted in my own sexuality and the sensual, sexual world of flowers. Thus the title of the zine as well as the overarching concept, Prurient Apparitions, was born and brought to life through the fantastical world of my photographic alter-ego Miss Meatface.

Many of the photographs are double exposures created through the use of a Polaroid OneStep+ camera (I also occasionally used a vintage Polaroid Impulse camera as well) which I then scanned and digitally pasted into pages of found antique Victorian photo albums. When putting the images together I wanted each to play off of one another in a push and pull game of vulgarity and beauty, decadence and divinity, mystery and suggestion. Ultimately, I wanted to assemble them in a way that would titillate and intrigue, as well as dazzle the viewer just as a wild orchid might if stumbled upon unexpectedly in a meadow.”



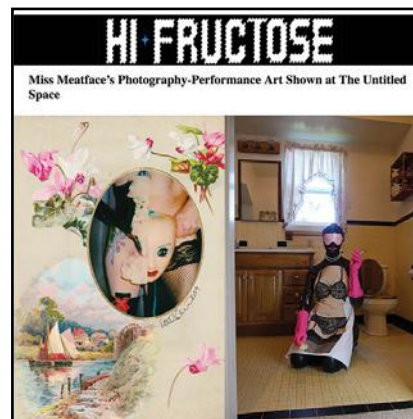
PRURIENT APPARITIONS photo zine, 2019

Limited edition photo zine

Limited printing of 300

8.5" x 6.5"

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