

## (HOTEL) XX Curated by Indira Cesarine for The Untitled Space

### SPRING/BREAK ART SHOW

4 Times Sq, NYC March 6 - 12, 2018

The Untitled Space is pleased to present "(Hotel) XX" a special project curated by Indira Cesarine at this year's edition of SPRING/BREAK Art Show taking place from March 6th to March 12th in New York City. Known for being one of the world's most innovative art fairs, SPRING/BREAK is an annual experimental platform for independent curators to exhibit works by emerging and mid-career artists. This year's edition, which will feature over 100 curators, revolves around the theme "Stranger Comes To Town," a phrase lifted from the old adage: "All great literature is one of two stories; a hero goes on a journey or a stranger comes to town." Works exhibited at SPRING/BREAK 2018 explore the tension between and merging of difference and sameness; them and us; narrator and audience.

"(Hotel) XX" is an immersive installation and group exhibition, presenting the work of female identifying artists whose work explores the intimate experiences of the transient visitor, a traveler on a journey to a strange, new place. The installation is presented as a retro hotel reminiscent of a roadside stay off the highway. Travelers, lovers and drifters alike have left behind fragments of their history that became part of the hotel's DNA, with memories lingering on the walls and each traveler's experiences left behind through the artwork on display. Their encounters have been immortalized as imprints of visual mementos, each vividly charged with the intensity of the moments that took place in the room or in their dreams while sleeping in it.

Art in a variety of mediums including photography, painting, drawing, sculpture, textile and video present the history of female "strangers" who have metaphorically or physically left their mark. The furniture in the room additionally creates an experiential framework. The title "(Hotel) XX" is a syntactical play on female sex chromosomes, and reflects the project's focus on the female experience through a surreal and voyeuristic journey through time.

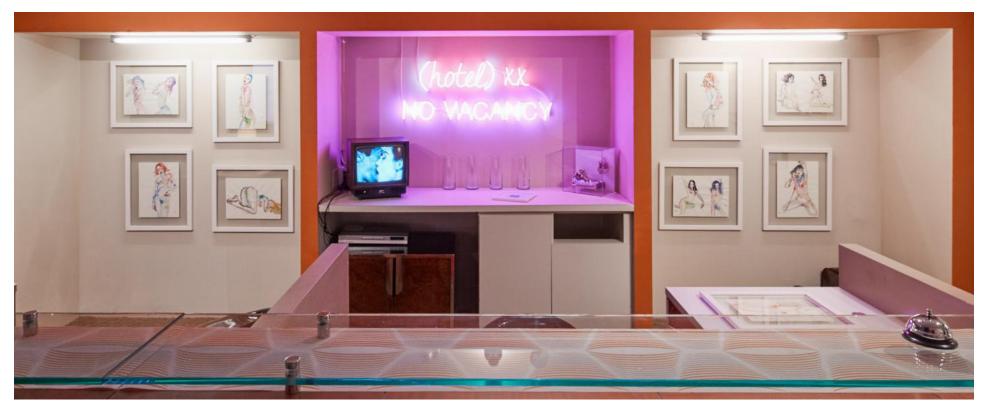
#### **EXHIBITING ARTISTS**

Alexandra Rubenstein, Brittany Maldonado, Brittany Markert, Dara Vandor, Fahren Feingold, Indira Cesarine, Jennifer Dwyer, Jessica Lichtenstein, Jessica So Ren Tang, Joette Maue, Julia Fox, Kat Toronto AKA Miss Meatface, Katie Commodore, Katrina Majkut, Kay Healy, Leah Schrager, Mairi-Luise Tabbakh, Meredith Ostrom, Myla Dalbesio, Polly Penrose, Rebecca Leveille, Renee Dykeman, Sam Cannon, Suzanne Wright

#### **CURATORIAL STATEMENT**

"I was influenced by classics such as Twilight Zone and Hitchcock as well as more contemporary references such as Twin Peaks and Elles, while exploring the theme of "Stranger Comes to Town." My special project for SPRING/BREAK "(Hotel) XX" aims to shed light on the varied and deeply intimate experiences of women through a voyeuristic lens. I wanted to explore the memories that any woman may have had while staying in a roadside hotel. She is a woman - perhaps a lover, sex worker or victim of violence - on a trip to a new and unknown place, a transient visitor navigating the vulnerability and anxiety that often accompanies displacement. The female experience is often over simplified, through stereotypes and the objectification of women via the male gaze. This project presents the female perspective on intimacy without censorship or glorification. I find myself drawn to the theme of the female gaze as a powerful message and means to further investigate women's experience. Historically, women have been highly marginalized, faced with double standards and oppression, and as such their perspective considered "other" or "alien" to patriarchal society. I wanted to create an immersive experience with "(Hotel) XX." I was inspired by the idea of an exhibition within an installation that engages the viewer in a visual narrative allowing them to re-live female memories, dreams and fears, becoming privy to their most confidential thoughts and fantasies."

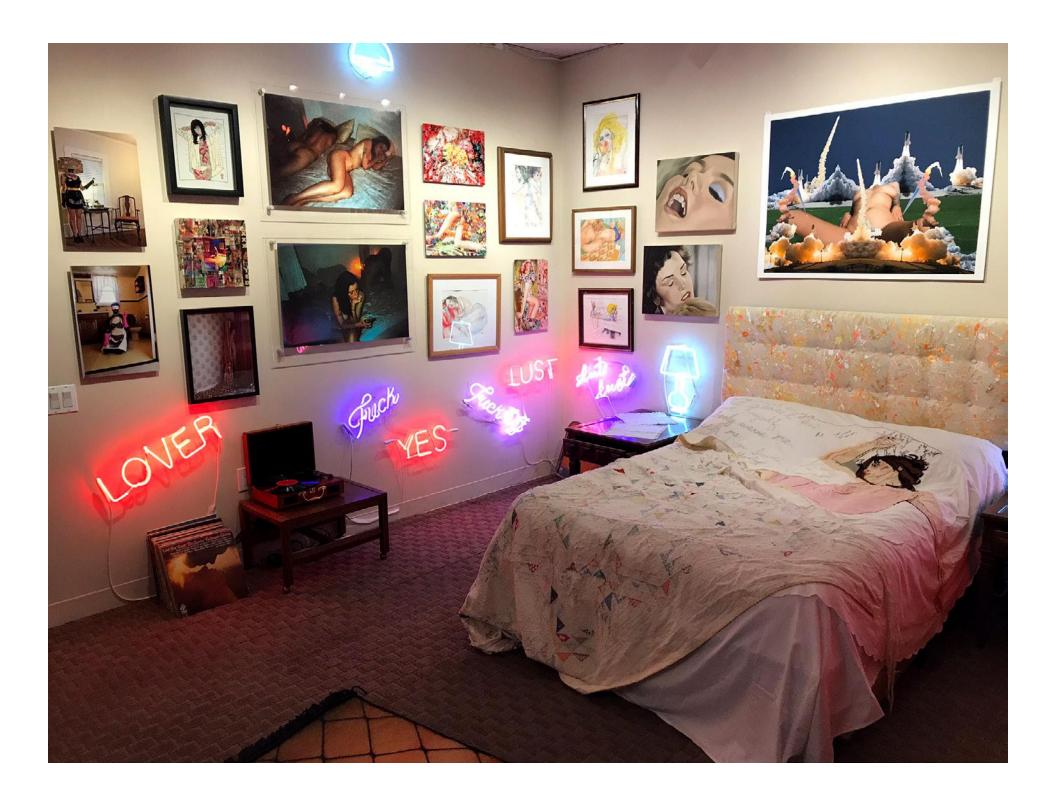
- Curator Indira Cesarine





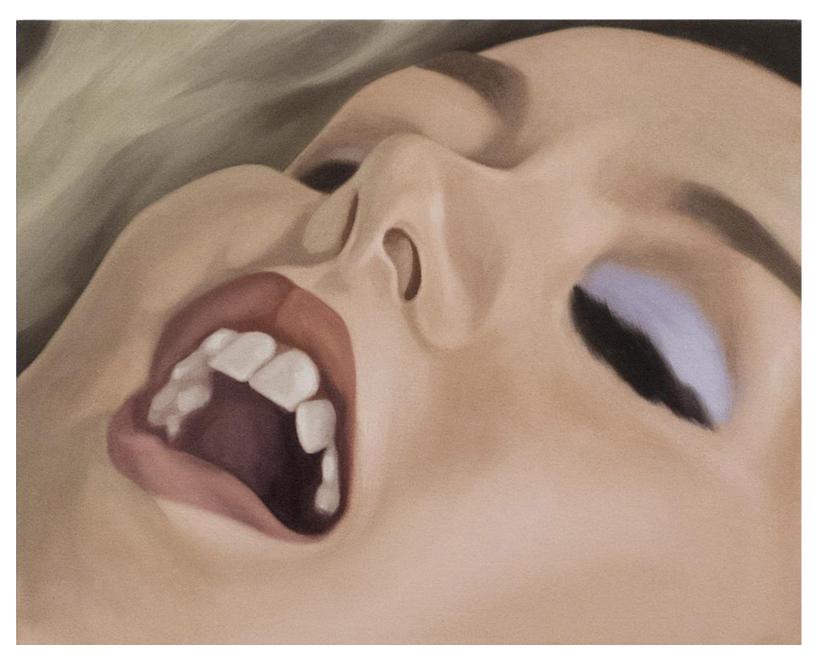








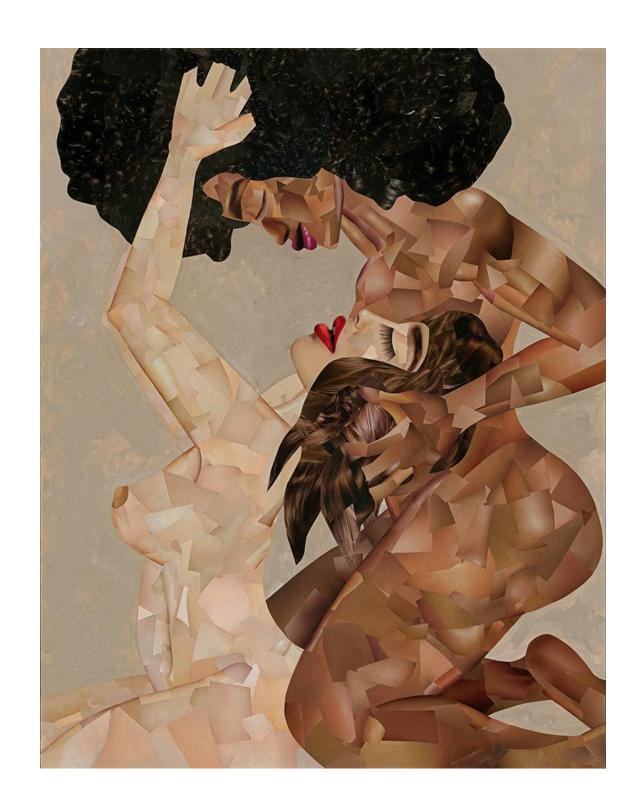
### SELECT EXHIBIT ARTWORK



Alexandra Rubinstein, Looking for Mr. Goodsex - Still #22, 2014 Oil on canvas 16" x 20"



Alexandra Rubinstein, Looking for Mr. Goodsex - Still #8, 2013 Oil on canvas 16" x 20"



Brittany Maldonado, *Fire Meet Gasoline*, **2015**Mixed media
32.5" x 26.5"



Brittany Markert, *Room 114, Self Portrait, California (1), 2014*Silver Gelatin Fiber Print
11" x 14"



Brittany Markert, *Room 114, Self Portrait, California (2), 2017*Silver Gelatin Fiber Print
11" x 14"



Brittany Markert, *Deathbed, Self Portrait, New Orleans, 2017*Silver Gelatin Fiber Print
11" x 14"



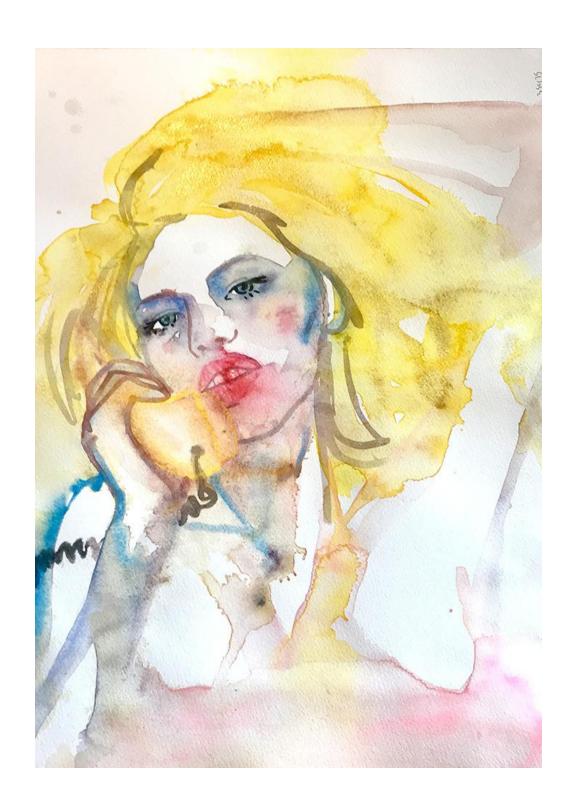
Brittany Markert, *The Voyeur, Self Portrait, Los Angeles,* 2016 Silver Gelatin Fiber Print 11" x 14"



**Dara Vandor, Garter with Bows, 2017**Felt tip pen on canvas 18" x 22"



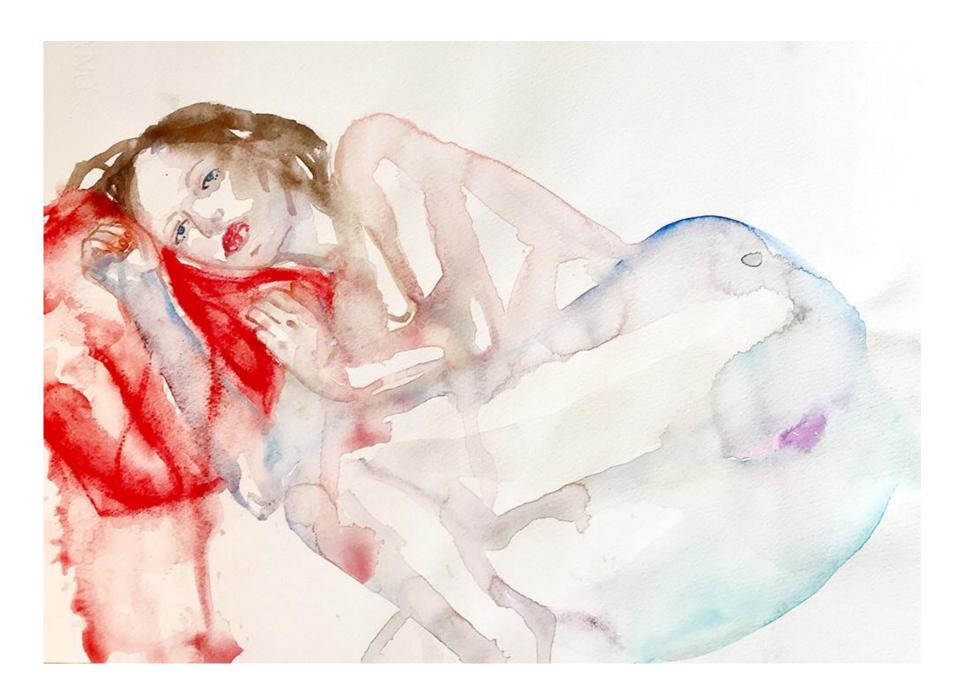
**Fahren Feingold, PHONE SEX, 2015**Watercolor on paper, framed in glass 9" x 12"



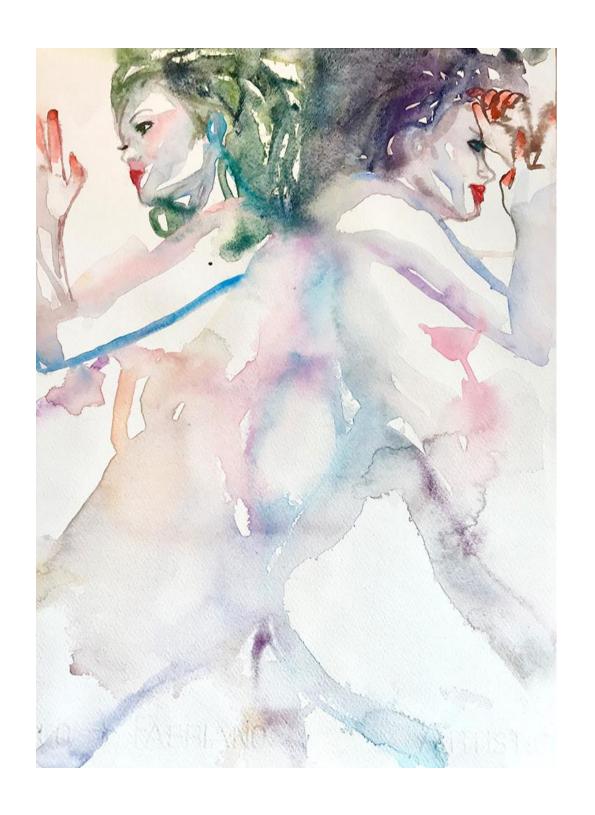
**Fahren Feingold, HOLD THE LINE, 2018**Watercolor on paper, in vintage wood frame 11" x 15"



Fahren Feingold, WAITING ON A STRANGER, 2018
Watercolor on paper, framed in glass
11" x 15"



Fahren Feingold, SWEET DREAMS, 2018
Watercolor on paper, framed in glass
11" x 15"



Fahren Feingold, *HOOKED ON A FEELING*, 2018

Watercolor on paper, in vintage frame

15" x 11"



Indira Cesarine, (hotel) xx + NO VACANCY, 2018

Neon sculptures



Indira Cesarine, slut (pink), 2018 Neon sculpture  $5" \times 12" \times 3"$ 



Indira Cesarine, *lust (violet)*, 2018

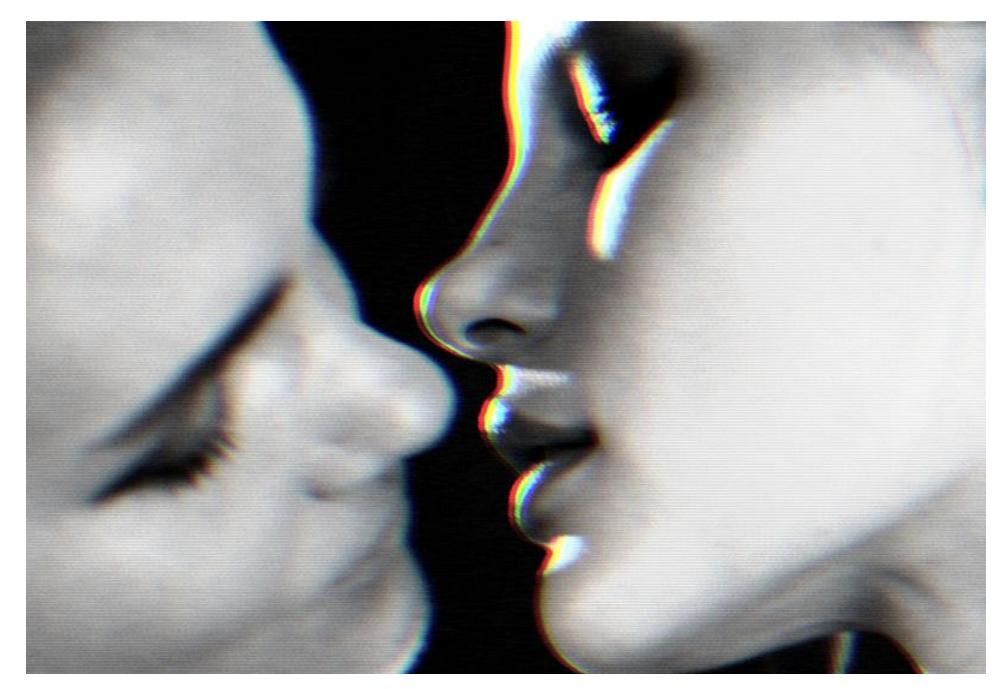
Neon sculpture  $5" \times 11" \times 3"$ 



# Indira Cesarine, SEX in a Suitcase, 2018 Neon sculpture, vintage leather suitcase, lingerie, leather whip, 1970s issue of Playboy 30" × 19" × 20"



Indira Cesarine, LOVER (fire red), 2018 Neon sculpture  $6" \times 24" \times 3"$ 



Indira Cesarine, Kiss Me, 2018 Single channel video in vintage television  $28" \times 36" \times 20.5"$ 

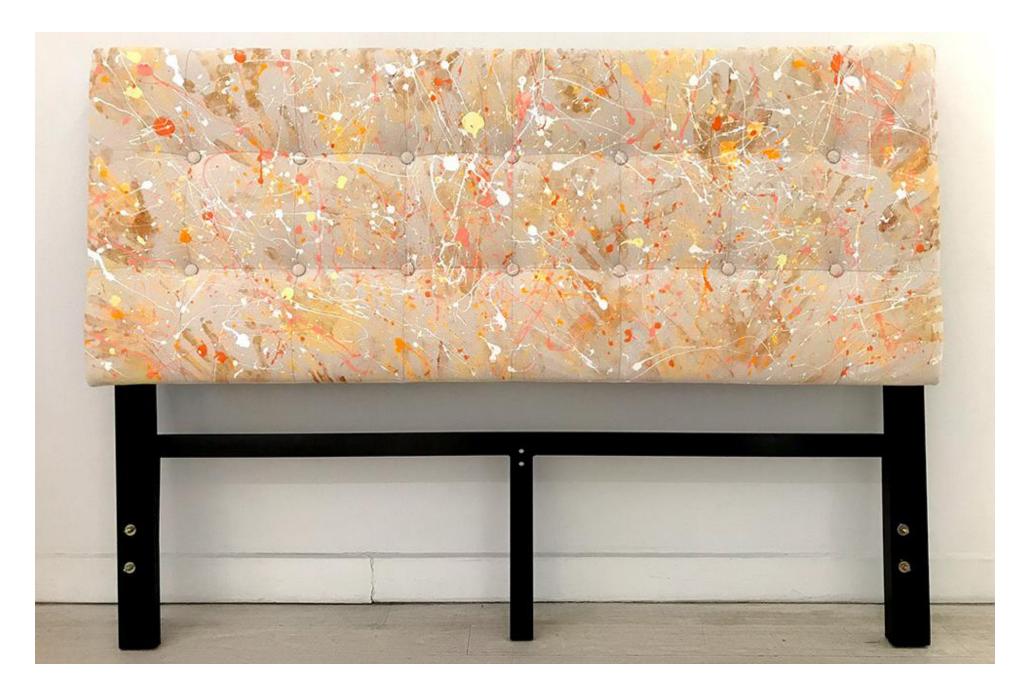


Indira Cesarine, am/pm 4:33, 2018
Photograph on metallic paper in vintage 1970's frame
11" × 14"



Indira Cesarine + Meredith Ostrom, *Cum sit with me...*, 2018

Acrylic Paint on set of Recalimed Vintage Eames Chairs  $22" \times 24" \times 32"$ 



Indira Cesarine + Meredith Ostrom, SexBoard, 2018

Acrylic Paint on Linen Upholstered Headboard / Full Size Bed

Headboard 36" x 54" x 3" Bed size 53" x 75" x 12"





Jen Dwyer, Camera, Dark Chamber Series, 2014 Porcelain and Glaze  $7" \times 5" \times 3"$ 



**Jen Dwyer, Pocket Content, 2013**Porcelain and Glaze
7" x 5" x 3"



**Jessica Lichtenstein, OOH LA LA, 2012**PVC Dolls and Acrylic Backboard
59" x 37" x 8"



**Jessica Lichtenstein, Trophy Life 1 - Waking, 2013**1 PVC girl dipped in chrome with acrylic frame
12" x 12" x 7"



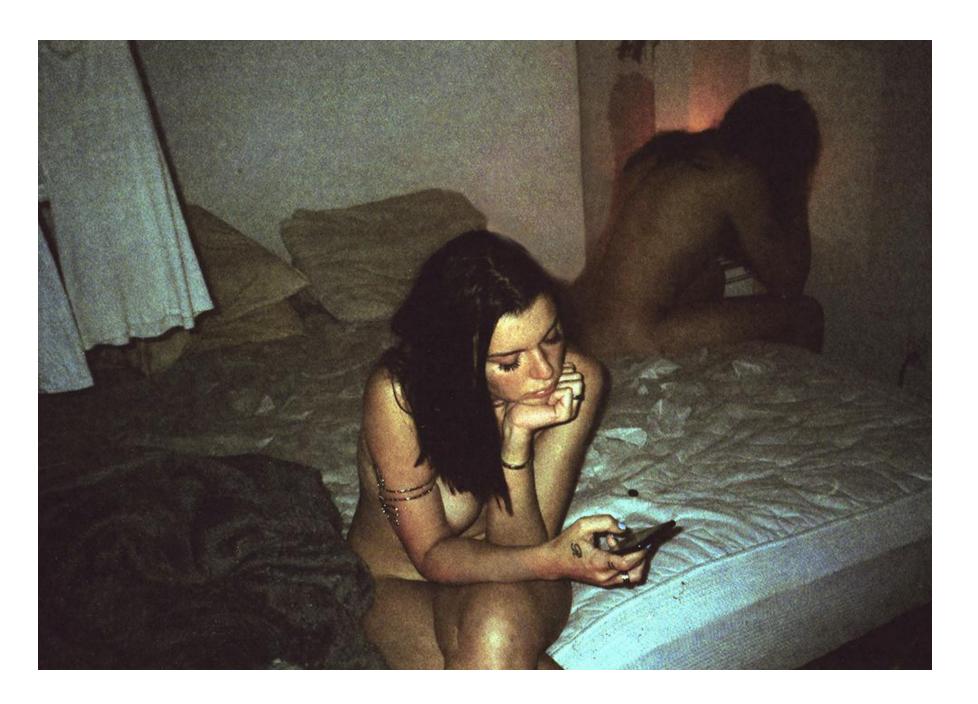


Joetta Maue, waking with you, 2010

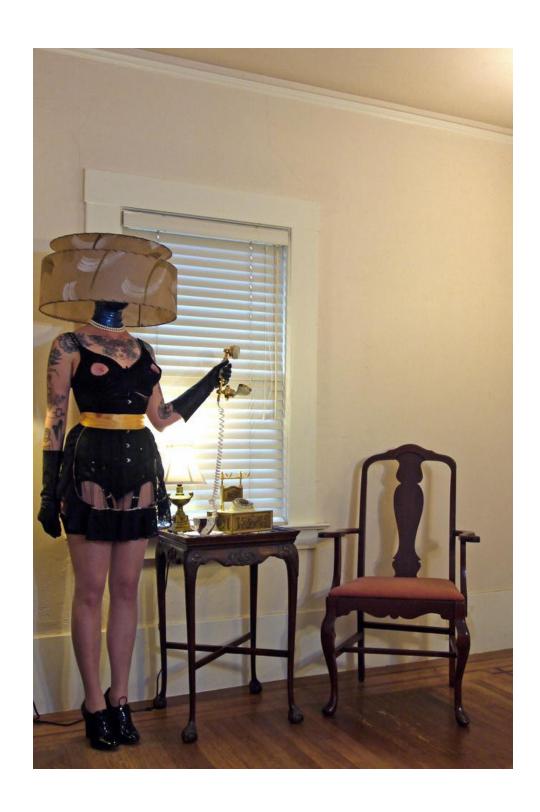
Hand embroidered, appliquéd, and painted re-appropriated linen 60" x 80"



**Julia Fox, SEX WITH ME 4, 2017**Archival Photographs mounted in Plexi 20" x 30"



**Julia Fox, SEX WITH ME 2, 2017**Archival Photographs mounted in Plexi 20" x 30"









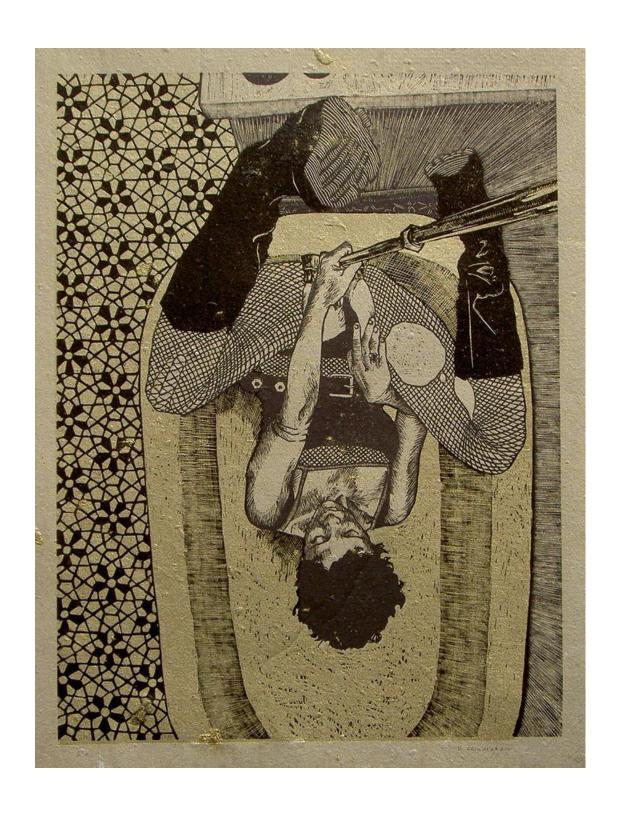






Katie Commodore, Molly and Erin, no.8, 2008

Wood engraving with linocut on handmade Dieu Donne paper, framed 12" x 9"



Katie Commodore, *Erin in the Tub*, 2008
Wood engraving with linocut
12" x 9"





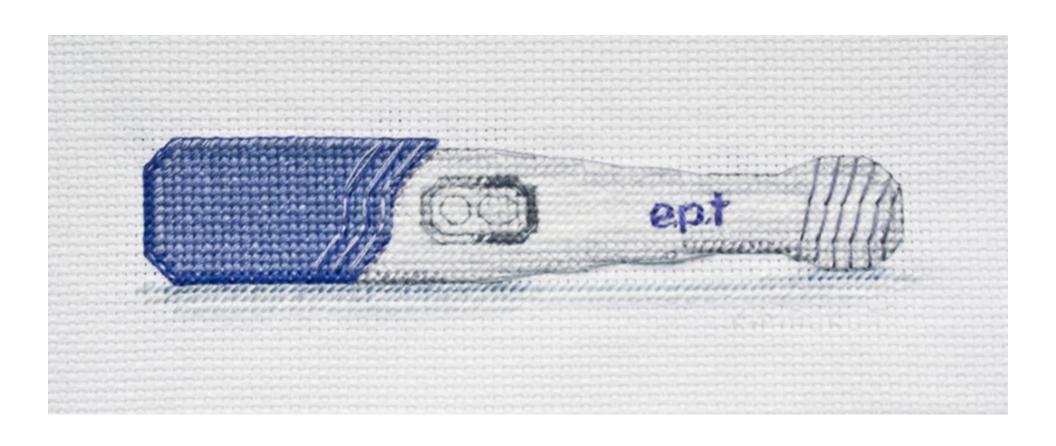
**Katie Commodore,** *Untitled, 2014*Cotton thread on antique handkerchief 2" x 1.5"





Katrina Makjut, *Female Condom*, 2018

Thread, latex on aida cloth
12" x 15"



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Katrina Makjut, Condom: Pumpkin Spice Durex, 2018 KY Intimate Lubricant, 2018

Thread on aida cloth 9" x 9" and 14" x 11"



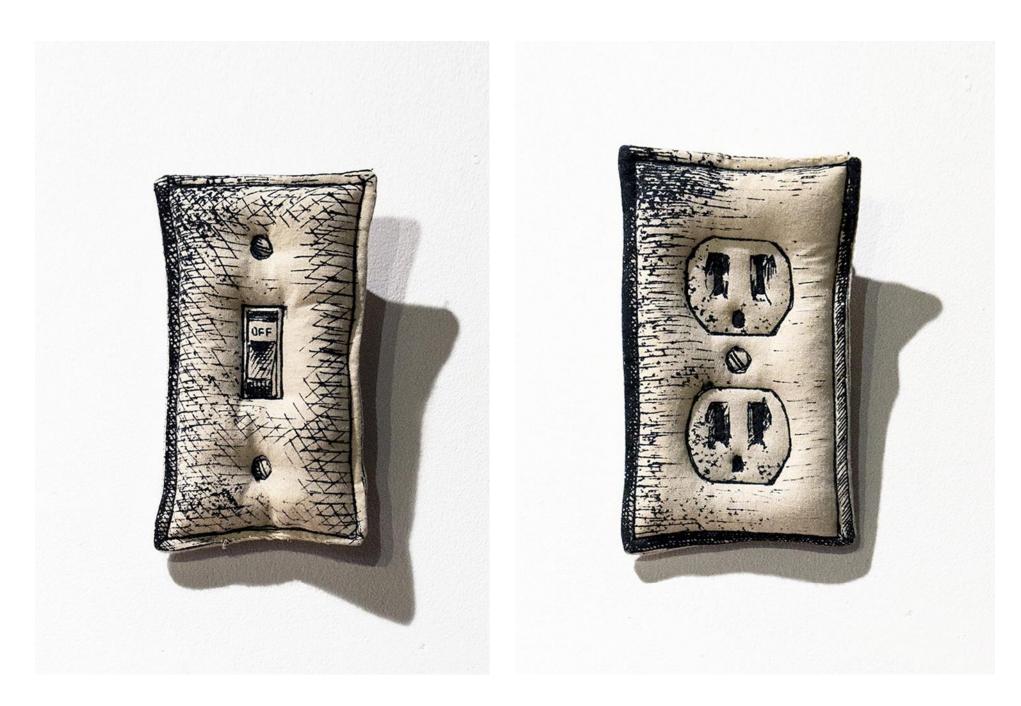
**Kay S. Healy, Glady's Gun, 2014**Screen printed, stuffed, and sewn cotton muslin 11.5" x 6.5" x .5"



Kay S. Healy, *Julia's Television (featuring the McCarthy Hearings), 2014*Screen printed, stuffed, and sewn cotton muslin
5" x 15" x 1"



**Kay S. Healy,** *Tracy's Armchair, 2014*Screen printed, stuffed, and sewn cotton muslin 11.5" x 6.5" x .5"



**Kay S. Healy, Light Switch and Outlet, 2014**Screen printed, stuffed, and sewn cotton muslin
3" x 4.5" x .5"



**Leah Schrager, My Body is a Battlefield of Flowers, 2016**Archival Photograph on Aluminum 12" x 18"



**Leah Schrager, The Urn of Caprice, 2016**Archival Photograph on Aluminum 12" x 18"



**Leah Schrager, My Darkest Secrets Are Too Bright, 2016**Archival Photograph on Aluminum 12" x 18"



Mairi-Luise Tabbakh, *Elaine T, 2011*Musuem archival C-print
14" x 11"



**Mairi-Luise Tabbakh, Eros, 2012** Silver Gelatin Print 9.5" x 12"



Mairi-Luise Tabbakh, G&T IV, 2013 Musuem archival C-print 12" x 18"



Mairi-Luise Tabbakh, *D4*, 2013 Musuem archival C-print 16" x 20"



Mairi-Luise Tabbakh, Staz, 2013 Musuem archival C-print 11" x 14"



Mairi-Luise Tabbakh, *The Disappearance of...,* **2015**Single channel video 06:59 minutes

















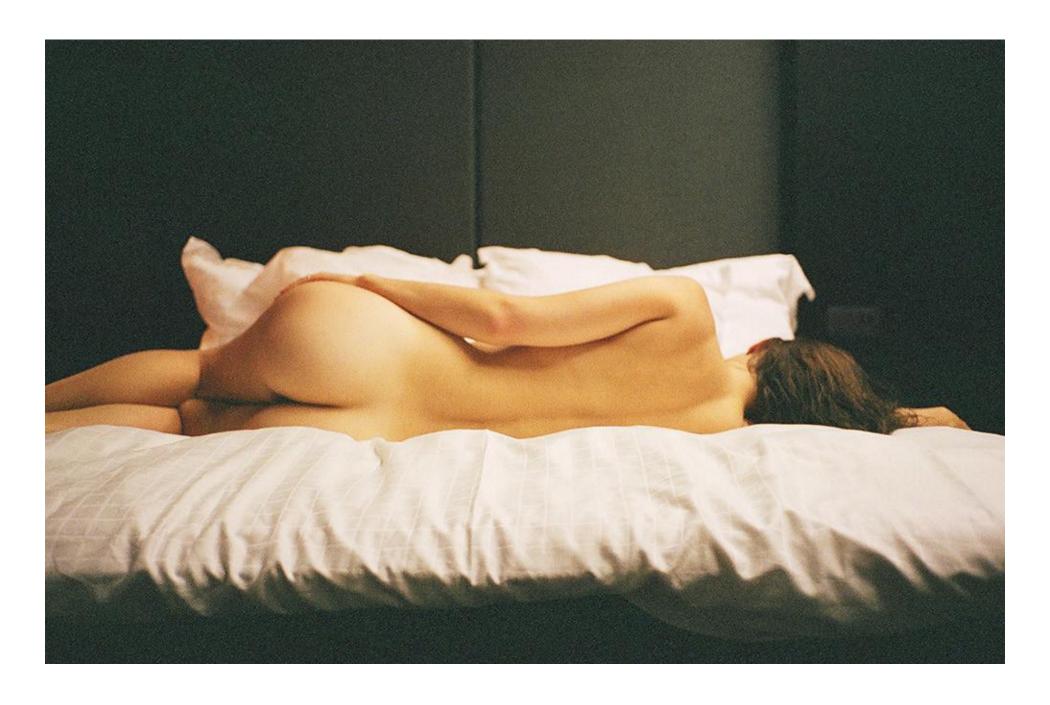




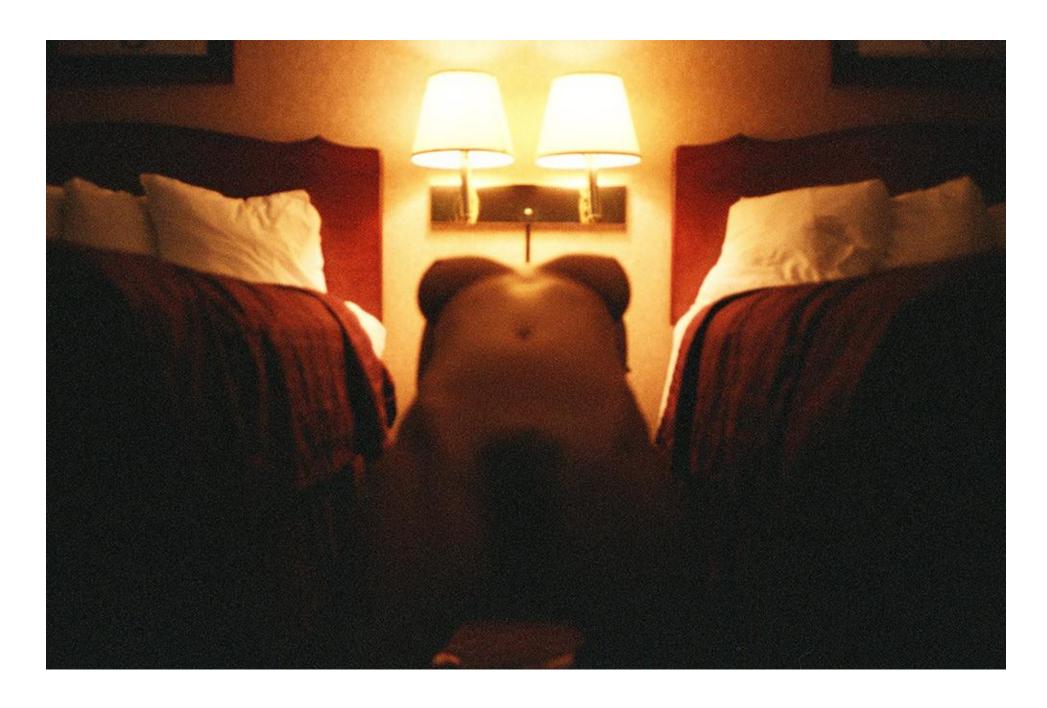




**Myla Dalbesio, In My Room Series, 2013-2018**Photography on bulletin board installation 20" x 24"



Myla Dalbesio, Antwerp, 2015, In My Room Series, 2015 Museum archival digital c-print  $4" \times 6"$ 



Myla Dalbesio, *Dodgeville, 2015, In My Room Series, 2015*Museum archival digital c-print
4" x 6"



Myla Dalbesio, London, 2015, In My Room Series, 2015 Museum archival digital c-print  $4"\times 6"$ 



Polly Penrose, Self Portrait with Lamp, 2011

Museum archival c-print on aluminum

16" x 24"



Polly Penrose Self Portrait with Copper Curtain, Willow Road, 2016 Museum archival c-print 10" x 15"



Polly Penrose, Self Portrait, Legs Up, Balance Road, 2016 Museum archival c-print 12" x 16"



Polly Penrose, *Self Portrait, Nautilus, Balance Road, 2016*Museum archival c-print
11" x 14"



Rebecca Leveille, Tuesday, 2018 Oil on canvas, framed 16" x 16"



Rebecca Leveille, Wednesday, 2018 Oil on canvas, framed 16" x 16"



Rebecca Leveille, Thursday, 2018 Oil on canvas, framed 16" x 16"



Rebecca Leveille, Friday, 2018 Oil on canvas, framed 16" x 16"





Renee Dykeman, Carpets, Drapes and Bedskirts, 2018 Dye sublimation printed polyester carpet  $36" \times 60"$ 



Sam Cannon, Flesh Signal, 2018 Single channel video on DVD 07:00 minutes



Suzanne Wright, Eight Shuttles, 2016 Museum archival photo collage 32" x 40"

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