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MY GAY UNCLE

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ALLISON SEXTON, GUY RICHARDS SMIT, LUKE STETTNER, AND BRYAN ZANISNIK
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PRESS RELEASE

MY GAY UNCLE IS A GROUP SHOW OF 8 ARTISTS CENTERED ON THE IDEA OF THE SELF-PORTRAIT. EACH OF THE ARTISTS INCLUDED IN THIS EXHIBITION MAKE WORK USING THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AS SUBJECTS.

JULIA GOLDMAN, GUY RICHARDS SMIT AND MEGAN MARRIN DEPICT THEMSELVES DIRECTLY IN THEIR WORK. JULIA GOLDMAN'S PAINTINGS ARE FAMILIAR PORTRAITS OF HERSELF AND PERSONAL OBJECTS IN HER STUDIO. GUY RICHARDS SMIT'S PORTRAIT PAINTINGS AND VIDEO ILLUSTRATE A DARKLY HUMOROUS MOMENT OF THE ARTIST SIGNING AWAY HIS LIFE IN A LAWYER'S OFFICE. MEGAN MARRIN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS DIRECTLY REFERENCE ICONIC IMAGES, USING HERSELF AND HER BODY TO RECREATE THE ORIGINAL SETS. T.R. ERICSSON EMPLOYS DRAWING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND FOUND OBJECTS IN A NEW SERIES ABOUT HIS WIFE REFERENCING DUCHAMP'S *ÉTANT DONNÉS*.

LUKE STETTNER, SOPHIA PEER, ALLISON SEXTON AND BRYAN ZANISNIK PRESENT WORKS USING THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILIES. LUKE STETTNER USES A PHOTOGRAPH OF EGYPT, TAKEN BY HIS FATHER ON A FAMILY TRIP, TO CREATE A SERIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND A PAPER SCULPTURE. SOPHIA PEER'S SCULPTURE PLAYS A RECORDING OF AN INTERVIEW WITH HER FATHER. ALLISON SEXTON'S PHOTOGRAPHS NARRATE THE PAST YEAR OF HER MOTHER'S LIFE THROUGH A SERIES OF IMAGES TAKEN DURING SPECIFIC MOMENTS IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS. BRYAN ZANISNIK WILL EXHIBIT A TABLEAU VIVANT USING HIMSELF AND HIS PARENTS AT THE OPENING ON DECEMBER 11TH. FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SHOW, A PHOTOGRAPHIC BOOK PROJECT WILL BE DISPLAYED DOCUMENTING ZANISNIK'S RELATIONSHIP TO A SWAMPLAND NEAR HIS HOMETOWN.

EACH ARTIST HAS CREATED NEW WORK FOR THIS EXHIBITION.

THIS EXHIBITION IS THE LAST IN THE GALLERY'S FALL SERIES OF 3 GROUP SHOWS BASED ON BROAD IDEAS ABOUT ART MAKING. GUY RICHARDS SMIT, JULIA GOLDMAN, LUKE STETTNER, SOPHIA PEER, MEGAN MARRIN AND BRYAN ZANISNIK ARE ALL NEW YORK BASED ARTISTS. T.R. ERICSSON IS BASED IN NEW YORK AND OHIO AND ALLISON SEXTON IS IN MASSACHUSETTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL IMAGES, PLEASE CONTACT THE GALLERY AT [INFO@KATEWERBLEGALLERY.COM](mailto:info@katewerblegallery.com) OR (212) 352-9700.

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