

MIGUEL ABREU GALLERY

EILEEN QUINLAN

Eileen Quinlan is interested in the false transparency of the photographic image: it's not a window, but a mirror. Her work presents an opportunity for contemplation alongside an alienation effect that interrupts it—an awareness of the mechanics of presenting and consuming images, or a sudden bracing encounter with the clumsy hand of the artist, attempting to adjust the veil. Color, atmosphere, composition, and description are reduced to their most basic forms, taking turns as the central subject of the photographs.

Quinlan's process of experimentation with a limited set of materials is elaborated through brute repetition, demystifying the circumstances of each image's creation. It insists, by extension, on the constructed nature of all photographs. The constructions themselves run the photographic gamut from the quasi-pictorial to the semi-abstract, from evidentiary document to expressive collage. The hand of the artist is both absent and frustratingly present. Ghosts of art history materialize, though dismembered, only to recede again.

Quinlan's early series, such as *Smoke & Mirrors* and *Night Flight*, restage display materials—mirrors, lights, textiles, and support structures—in disorienting configurations that verge on abstraction. Produced using the most common tricks of the commercial photography trade, the sets are staged around a nonexistent product; they are straightforward tabletop still-lives, manipulated neither in the darkroom nor through digital craft, though they often appear otherwise. More recently, the artist has taken yoga mats, luridly lit and shot in close-up, as the subject of a series that gestures toward contemporary manifestations of self-maintenance through regimes of diet, exercise, and spirituality. Abstract non-space intrudes upon the surface of several prints through cascading layers of manipulated emulsion.

For *Curtains*, her third solo exhibition at Miguel Abreu Gallery, Quinlan presented a body of black-and-white photographs comprised of new portraits, rephotographed portraits of the same subjects from years prior, and near-total abstractions. The photos were patterned by crocheted and printed textiles that reference, respectively, the handmade and the mass-produced, both of which are mirrored in Quinlan's hybrid process. The prints are textured with scratches, tears, fingerprints, and ruptures located on the surface of the negative itself, the latter introduced by way of experimentation with the pocket of processing chemicals that accompany each sheet of 4x5 Polaroid film. The result is a complex layering of material and temporal indices that gradually reveal themselves upon extended examination.

Eileen Quinlan (b. 1972, Boston) earned her MFA from Columbia University in 2005. She had her first solo museum exhibition at the Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston in 2009. Her work is in the permanent collections of Metropolitan Museum of Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, Hammer Museum, Institute of Contemporary Art / Boston, Ackland Art Museum, Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester, the Brooklyn Museum and Zabłudowicz Collection.

Recent exhibitions include ARTE VIVA ARTE, the 57th International Art Exhibition, Venice Biennale, curated by Christine Macel (2017), Systematically Open? New Forms for Contemporary Image Production at the LUMA Foundation, Arles, and Always starts with an encounter: Wols/Eileen Quinlan, produced by Radio Athènes and curated by Helena Papadopoulos at the Museum of Cycladic Art in Athens (2016), Image Support at the Bergen Kunsthall, and Transmission, Recreation, and Repetition at the Palais de Beaux-Arts Paris (2015), What Is a Photograph? at the International Center for Photography (New York), New Photography 2013 at the Museum of Modern Art (New York), Outside the Lines: Rites of Spring at the Contemporary Art Museum Houston, a two-person exhibition with Matt Keegan at The Kitchen (New York) as well as a solo show and a two-person exhibition with Cheyney Thompson, at Campoli Presti (London). Previously, Quinlan participated in Picture Industry at Regen Projects, Los Angeles, organized by Walead Beshty, and group exhibitions at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Hammer Museum, White Columns, the White Cube Bermondsey, the Langen Foundation, Mai 36, Marian Goodman Gallery, Andrea Rosen Gallery, and Paula Cooper Gallery, among others. Mind Craft, her fourth solo exhibition at Miguel Abreu Gallery, was on view in the spring of 2016.

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EILEEN QUINLAN

Born in Boston, MA, 1972
Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY

EDUCATION

1996

B.F.A., The School of the Museum of Fine Arts/Tufts University, Boston, MA

2005

M.F.A., Columbia University, New York, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018

Too Much, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York, NY (forthcoming)
Enough, Gallery TPW, Toronto, ON, Canada (forthcoming)

2017

Dune Woman, Campoli Presti, London, UK

2016

Mind Craft, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York, NY

2015

After Hours, Campoli Presti, London, UK
Double Charlie, Campoli Presti, Paris, France

2013

Curtains, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York, NY

2012

Twin Peaks, Campoli Presti, London, UK

2011

Constant Comment, Overduin and Kite, Los Angeles, CA

2010

Highlands, Sutton Lane, Paris, France
Nature Morte, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York, NY

2009

Momentum 13: Eileen Quinlan, The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA

2008

Downtime, Overduin and Kite, Los Angeles, CA
Puccio Onyx, Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne, Germany
Fahrenheit and Stone Roses, Sutton Lane, Paris, France

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2007

Photographs, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York, NY

2006

Eileen Quinlan, Sutton Lane, London, UK

SELECTED GROUP & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2018

Picture Industry, curated by Walead Beshty, LUMA Arles, France (forthcoming)

The Mechanics of Fluids, organized by Melissa Gordon, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, NY

In and Out of Place, CCS Bard Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

In the Air, Koenig & Clinton, Brooklyn, NY

2017

Tainted Love, Le Confort Moderne, Poitiers, France

PhotoPlay: Lucid Objects, Paris Photo, Grand Palais, Paris, France

Venice Biennale 2017: VIVAARTE VIVA, curated by Christine Macel, Venice, Italy

2016

'33 - '29 - '36, curated by Lucy McKenzie, UM Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic

Her Wherever, curated by Sara Greenberger Rafferty & Sara VanDerBeek, Halsey McKay Gallery, East Hampton, NY

Lattice Work, curated by Rola Khayyat, Emily Kloppenburg, Rachel Stern, and Alex Strada, Black & White Gallery / Project Space, Brooklyn, NY

Systematically Open? New Forms for Contemporary Image Production, curated by Walead Beshty, Elad Lassry, Zanele Muholi and Collier Schorr LUMA Foundation, Arles, France

Pure Numerical Formula Describes Wetness and Light, curated by Eli Bornowsky Or Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

Land Escapes, Joshua Liner Gallery, New York

Always starts with an encounter: Wols/Eileen Quinlan, produced by Radio Athènes, curated by Helena Papadopoulos, Museum of Cycladic Art, Athens, Greece

Image Support, Bergen Kunsthall, Bergen, Norway

Still Life with Fish: Photography from the Collection, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA

2015

Collected by Thea Westreich Wagner and Ethan Wagner, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Human Apparatus, Klemm's, Berlin, Germany

A kind of graphic unconscious, Susan Hobbs, Toronto

Transmission, Recreation and Repetition, Palais des Beaux-Arts, Paris, France

Lens Work: Celebrating LACMA's Experimental Photography at 50, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA

Images That Speak, Presentation House Gallery (Satellite Gallery), Vancouver, Canada

An Unfixed Image: The Photographic Across Media, The College of New Jersey Art Gallery, Ewing, NJ

The Inventors of Tradition II, The Palace of Art, Glasgow, UK (in collaboration with Atelier E.B)

Sylvia Bataille, Joan, Los Angeles, CA

Fictions, Derek Eller Gallery, New York, NY

2014

American Photography: Recent Acquisitions from The Museum of Modern Art, New York, curated by Sarah Hermanson Meister and Quentin Bajac, in conjunction with Paris Photo, Grand Palais, Paris, France

Altarations: Built, Blended, Processed, Florida Atlantic University, School of the Arts, Boca Raton, FL
Process Priority, Steven Zevitas Gallery, Boston, MA
A Moveable Feast – Part XI: Eileen Quinlan & Cheyney Thompson, Campoli Presti, Paris, France
Technokinesis, Blum & Poe, New York, NY; Los Angeles, CA
Lens Reflex, organized by Steven Baldi, Thomas Duncan Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
What Is a Photograph?, organized by Carol Squiers, International Center of Photography, New York, NY
Outside the Lines: Rites of Spring, organized by Dean Daderko, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX

2013

Elements, Rudiments, and Principles, Boston University Art Gallery at Stone Gallery, Boston, MA
New Photography 2013, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Lens Drawings, curated by Jens Hoffmann, Marian Goodman Gallery, Paris, France
The Cat Show, curated by Rhonda Lieberman, White Columns, New York, NY
Why is Everything the Same? - Works from the Collection of Anne Collier and Matthew Higgs, Shoot The Lobster, New York

2012

Y? O! G... A., with Matthew Keegan, curated by Matthew Lyons, The Kitchen, New York, NY
second nature: abstract photography then and now, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA
Printed, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland
accrochage, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York, NY
Blind Cut, curated by Jonah Freeman and Vera Neykov, Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY

2011

Structure and Absence, White Cube Bermondsey, London, UK
Next Wave Art, curated by Dan Cameron, BAM, Brooklyn, NY
I don't know if it makes any sense – I feel quite dizzy and a little drunk due to the blow. I will return with more info shortly, IMO, Copenhagen, Denmark
Systems Analysis, Langen Foundation, Neuss, Germany
New York to London and Back: The Medium of Contingency, Thomas Dane Gallery, London, UK
All of This and Nothing (invitational), Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA

2010

Borofsky, Floyer, Haacke, Janssens, Quinlan, Tremblay, Walker, Walsh, Paula Cooper Gallery, New York, NY
Systems Analysis, West London Projects, London, UK
Crystalline Architecture, Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York, NY
Picture Industry (Goodbye To All That), organized by Walead Beshty, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, CA
False / Divine, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York, NY
50 Artists Photograph The Future, curated by Dean Daderko, Higher Pictures, New York, NY
Blind Mirror, Galleria Raucci/Santamaria, Naples, Italy

2009

Surface Tension, Contemporary Photos from the Permanent Collection, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Kings County Biennial, Dustin Yellin Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Abstraction and Materialist Praxis in Contemporary Photography, organized by the Die Störung Collective, Guinea
Kunstraum Hoey-Wasow, Rhinebeck, NY
Collatéral, organized by Yann Chevallier, Confort Moderne, Poitiers, France
Correspondences, curated by Matthew Higgs – *Vienna 09*, Galerie Krobath, Vienna, Austria
Practice vs. Object, organized by Margaret Liu Clinton, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York, NY

Crystalline Architectures, organized by Josiah McElheny, Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York, NY
Slow Movement or: Half and Whole, curated by Philippe Pirote, Kunsthalle Bern, Switzerland
Constructivismes! curated by Olivier Renaud-Clément, Almine Rech Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
Photography in the Abstract, organized by Maureen Mahony, Lora Reynolds Gallery, Austin, TX
To Be Determined, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, NY
On From Here, Guild & Greyskul Gallery, New York, NY

2008

The Empty Page, James Fuentes LLC, New York, NY
Hermann's Grid, organized by Gareth James, Franco Soffiantino Arte Contemporanea, Turin, Italy
Not so Subtle Subtitle, curated by Matthew Brannon, Casey Kaplan Gallery, New York, NY
From Brooklyn With Love, curated by Allun Williams, Parker's Box Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Every Picture Tells a Story ... or at Least Is a Picture, curated by Jo Jackson and Chris Johanson, Small A Projects, Portland, OR
Portfolio Project #2, published by Dispatch, New York, NY
Update, curated by Matthew Higgs, White Columns, New York, NY
Eat the Document, curated by Dean Daderko, Larissa Goldston Gallery, New York, NY
Mirror Mirror, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York, NY

2007

Regroup Show, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York, NY
Group exhibition, Sutton Lane c/o Ghislaine Hussenot, Paris, France
Form as Memory, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York, NY
Seriality, Shane Campbell, Chicago, IL
Undone, Whitney Museum at Altria, New York, NY
Strange Magic, Luhring Augustine, New York, NY
Blackberrying, Galleri Christina Wilson, Denmark
TBA with Cheyney Thompson, curated by Martin Clark, Arnolfini, Bristol, UK
Silicone Valley, P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, New York, NY
"Art Politiquement Engagé" organized by Fia Backström for *In Practice Projects*, The Sculpture Center, Long Island City, NY
Form As Memory, Miguel Abreu Gallery, New York, NY
For the People of Paris, Sutton Lane at Ghislaine Hussenot, Paris, France

2006

Miroslaw Balka, Eileen Quinlan, Michael Benevento, Orange Group, Los Angeles, CA
Dice Thrown (Will Never Annul Chance), Bellwether, New York, NY
How to Build a Universe That Doesn't Fall Apart Two Days Later, curated by Will Bradley, Wattis Institute, San Francisco, CA
Just Off Focus, Andrew Kreps, New York
Thin Walls, Klaus von Nichtssagend Gallery, New York, NY
Two Friends and So On, Andrew Kreps, New York, NY
Dereconstruction, curated by Matthew Higgs, Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY
United Artists Ltd, IV. (Peter Coffin, Anne Collier, Eileen Quinlan) curated by Michael Phelan, United Artists Ltd, Marfa, TX
Patrick Hill, Eileen Quinlan, and Florian Schmidt, Galerie Kosak Hall, Vienna, Austria
Endless Summer, curated by Gyonata Bonvicini, westlondonprojects, London, UK
Dialog #1: Puzzled, Elena Pankova & Eileen Quinlan, curated by Matthew Higgs, White Columns, New York, NY
Supports, Roger Björkholmen Galleri, Stockholm, Sweden

Everything beautiful and noble is the result of reason and calculation, curated by Howie Chen and Gabrielle Giattino, The Elizabeth Foundation Gallery, New York, NY
Slow Burn, curated by Jonah Freeman, Galerie Edward Mitterand, Geneva, Switzerland

2005

S&M, Eileen Quinlan and Cheyney Thompson, Sutton Lane, Paris, France
Excitations, arranged by Matt Keegan, Andrew Kreps, New York, NY
Bebe le Strange, curated by Rachel Uffner and Barb Choit, D'Amelio Terras, New York, NY
MFA Thesis Show, curated by Jeffrey Usliip, Studebaker Hall, Columbia University, New York, NY
Past Perfect, curated by Francesca DiMattio, Kantor Gallery, New York, NY

2004

First Year Show, curated by Ali Subotnik, Eli Wallach Gallery, Columbia University, New York, NY
Art in the Office, arranged by Matt Keegan, The Global Consulting Group, New York, NY

2003

Fresh Meat, curated by Stephen Apicella-Hitchcock, CEPA Gallery, Buffalo, NY

2002

Salon V, curated by Tim Bailey, Oni Gallery, Boston, WA
Yes, We're Excerpts, Andrew Kreps, New York, NY
Welcome to the Playground of the Fearless, curated by James Fuentes, Entropy Gallery, New York, NY

2001

Life is Elsewhere, Eileen Quinlan and Cheyney Thompson, Canada Gallery, New York, NY

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2013

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2002

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TEACHING

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PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Ackland Art Museum, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC

Brooklyn Museum, New York
CCS Bard Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Institute of Contemporary Art / Boston, MA
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
Museum of Modern Art, New York
The Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, UK
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Zabludowicz Collection