

NEWS RELEASE

Higher Pictures Generation presents an exhibition of new work by Justine Kurland at the Independent, September 9-12, 2021.

After two decades of life on the road Kurland delves into her family biography and her personal library. This installation of collages and photographs continues Kurland's refutation of a family of men. Here she imagines holes, cuts, rivers and locks, as social, sexual, and spiritual conduits to psychic emancipation.

Kurland's latest series of gelatin silver photographs were taken in New York City and her hometown of Fulton, New York from 2014–2021. Bodies, skin, sex and the water's surface—placid and shimmering or dark and frothy—exude a latency of emotion and sexuality.

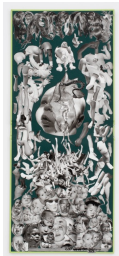
The photographs are shown together for the first time with Kurland's collages, inspired by the radical feminist and writer Valerie Solanas' 1967 *SCUM Manifesto*. Started in 2019, Kurland's *SCUMB Manifesto* (Society for Cutting Up Men's Books) is an object-based, tactile imagining of matriarchal paradise, which she explored in her earliest body of work, *Girl Pictures* (1997–2002), and in *Mama Babies* (2004–07). Seeking and picturing freedom, at the core of much of Kurland's work, is located here in the artistic act itself: Kurland is purging her own cherished library of photography books authored by straight white men. These canonical figures have their pictures chopped up and reauthored by Kurland: each collage a reclamation of history, a dismemberment of the patriarchy, a gender inversion of the usual terms of possession, and a modest attempt at offsetting a lifetime of income disparity.

Justine Kurland (b. 1969) studied photography at the School of Visual Arts and Yale University. Recent exhibitions include *Bruce Kurland & Justine Kurland – Two Worlds: Illusion & Document* (2020-21) at the University of Buffalo Art Galleries and the 2020 *Biennale für aktuelle Fotografie*, Mannheim, Germany. Kurland's monograph, *Justine Kurland: Girl Pictures*, was published by Aperture in 2020; *The Stick* was published by TIS in 2021; and a new monograph on the *SCUMB Manifesto* is forthcoming from MACK.

Kurland is represented in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.; the New York Public Library; the Whitney Museum of American Art; and the Morgan Library & Museum among many others.

INDEPENDENT 2021
Higher Pictures Generation
Justine Kurland

From right to left:



Justine Kurland
Children
2021
collage (hardcover)
23 1/2 x 10 inches



Justine Kurland
Manequin
2021
collage (hardcover)
18 3/4 x 13 1/2 inches



Justine Kurland
Topping (After Betty Tompkins)
2016
gelatin silver print
29 x 36 1/2 inches
(73.7 x 92.7 cm)



Justine Kurland
Distortions
2021
collage (hardcover)
31 x 11 3/8 inches



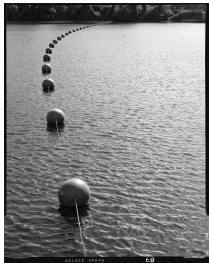
Justine Kurland
Portraits (Additive Space)
2021
collage (hardcover)
10 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches



Justine Kurland
Portraits (Negative Space)
2021
collage (hardcover)
10 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches



Justine Kurland
Raised by Wolves
2021
collage (hardcover)
19 x 12 inches



Justine Kurland
Oswego River, String of Buoys
2020
gelatin silver print
36 1/2 x 29 inches
(92.7 x 73.7 cm)



Justine Kurland
Frauen
2021
collage (hardcover)
12 1/8 x 19 1/2 inches



Justine Kurland
Los Alamos Revisited
2021
collage (excerpt)
21 3/4 x 12 inches



Bruce Kurland
Untitled
2013 (unfinished)
oil on panel
12 1/2 x 10 inches



Justine Kurland
Choreograph
2021
collage (hardcover)
9 1/4 x 24 inches



Justine Kurland
Distortions
2021
collage (excerpt)
17 x 10 1/4 inches



Justine Kurland
Untitled (Pompidou)
2021
collage (hardcover)
12 1/8 x 17 inches



Justine Kurland
Eleanor
2021
collage (hardcover)
12 1/4 x 21 inches



Justine Kurland
East 100th Street
2021
collage (hardcover)
22 5/8 x 12 3/8 inches



Justine Kurland
Stranger Passing
2021
collage (hardcover)
27 1/2 x 11 7/8 inches



Justine Kurland
Paris Les Halles Market
2021
collage (hardcover)
18 1/2 x 11 1/8 inches



Justine Kurland
North South East West
2021
collage (hardcover)
8 x 23 3/4 inches



Justine Kurland
Pictures from Home
2021
collage (hardcover)
18 7/8 x 10 7/8 inches



Justine Kurland
Cape Light
2021
collage (hardcover)
9 1/2 x 21 3/4 inches



Justine Kurland
Cray at Chippewa Falls
2021
collage (hardcover)
24 1/2 x 11 5/8 inches



Justine Kurland
Fanny
2021
collage (hardcover)
29 1/2 x 11 1/2 inches



Justine Kurland
Bleeding Out
2016
gelatin silver print
36 1/2 x 29 inches
(92.7 x 73.7 cm)



Justine Kurland
1997-2002
2021
collage (hardcover)
26 x 12 inches



Justine Kurland
New York in Color
2021
collage (hardcover)
20 3/8 x 11 3/4 inches



Justine Kurland
Command Performance
2021
collage (hardcover)
19 5/8 x 11 1/2 inches