



SARAH JONES

17 March – 19 April 2014

private view: Monday 17 March 6:00 – 8:00pm

Maureen Paley is pleased to present Sarah Jones' sixth solo exhibition at the gallery. Following on from the recent publication of her monograph by Violette Editions, Jones' new photographs continue to explore how subjects are measured and transcribed through the large format view camera and flattened in pictorial space. Predicated on the disarming and the vernacular she uses a vocabulary that simultaneously describes as well as documents. In her expanded *Cabinet* series, (2013-14) arrangements of found objects are contained, mirrored and presented as if held in a vitrine.

Over the years themes such as the analyst's couch, the municipal rose garden as still life in-situ, the drawing studio and the singular female subject have been central to her concerns. Her photographs are often made on location and illuminated with carefully controlled lighting that allows the subject to both emerge from and recede into a darkened space. Through the use of analogue techniques Jones studies the correspondence between the skein of the film, the surface of the photographic print and the surface of her subjects. For Jones this attention to materiality brings to mind the act of mark making in drawing.

She has previously used the diptych as a formal device and direct reference to early stereographic photographs in order to present two perspectives of a single form. More recent diptychs consider the act of doubling and the alchemic nature of the photographic process by literally flipping an image. One becomes an imprint or reflection of the other recalling the Rorschach inkblot. In such an act of mirroring, *Cabinet (II) (After Man Ray) (I)* and *(II)* picture a curved glass object that recalls Man Ray's *Le Violon d'Ingres*, (1924). Other works in the exhibition reflect on the photographic language of Florence Henri, Karl Blossfeldt and Eugene Atget.

Born in London, in 1959, Sarah Jones lives and works in London. Previous solo exhibitions include *New Pictures 8*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, USA, 2013; *Sarah Jones: Photographs*, National Media Museum, Bradford, 2007; Huis Marseille Foundation for Photography, Amsterdam, 2000; Museum Folkwang Essen, Essen, 1999; Centre for Photography, Universidad de Salamanca, Spain, 1999; Museum Reina Sofia, Madrid, 1999; Le Consortium, Dijon, France, 1997.

Recent group exhibitions include *Seduced by Art: Photography Past and Present*, National Gallery, London, UK and CaixaForum Barcelona, and CaixaForum Madrid, 2013; *Der Mensch und Seine Objekte*, Museum Folkwang, Essen, 2012; *Observers: Photographers of the British scene from 1930s to now*, Galeria de Arte do Sesi, Avenida Paulista, Sao Paulo, 2012; *Nothing In the World But Youth*, Turner Contemporary, Margate, UK, 2011; *Signs of a struggle: Photography in the Wake of Postmodernism*, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK, 2011; *A Sense of Perspective*, Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, UK, 2011; *Portraits*, Bloomberg Space, London, UK, 2008; *Street & Studio: An Urban History of Photography*, Tate Modern, London and Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany, 2008.

Jones' most recent monograph is published by Violette Editions with essays by Brian Dillon, David Company and a conversation with A.M. Homes. Sarah Jones is currently a Reader in Photography at the Royal College of Art.

Anton Kern Gallery, New York will also open a solo-exhibition with Sarah Jones in March 2014.

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The gallery is open from Wednesday to Sunday 11.00 am – 6.00 pm and by appointment.
Office opening hours are Monday – Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm