

# PARAPETREAL HUMANS

Joshua Abelow & Katya Kirilloff

## **Villains**

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We have the American Corporation, Monsanto\* to thank for PCBs, Polystyrene, Agent Orange, and Synthetic Bovine Growth Hormone. In 1974, Monsanto introduced the product RoundUp® Herbicide to the market. Roundup® AKA Glyphosate, is currently banned in or will soon be banned in at least ten countries including Mexico, Germany, Saudi Arabia, and Vietnam. And at least 15 others have restricted its use. In a recent study, it was determined to be found in 80% of American bodies. It is a known endocrine disruptor. Research now links glyphosate to cancer, reproductive problems, neurological diseases, birth defects, complications with fertility and pregnancy. Research is being done to determine how exposure increases risks of infant mortality and interferes with child development. RoundUp® resistant seeds are widely used in farming corn, wheat, and soy. For the most part we the consumer are kept in the dark, our relationship is with Monsanto's friendly helpful marketing tactics.

\*Monsanto was founded in St. Louis in 1901.

This exhibition is a follow-up to the artists' exhibition, [Heroes](#), which took place last summer at Romantic Acquaintances, Great Barrington, MA.

**Joshua Abelow** (b. 1976) lives and works in Harris, NY. He received a BFA from RISD (1998) and an MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art (2008). The artist has held more than twenty solo exhibitions in a wide variety of cities including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Providence, Omaha, Wichita, Copenhagen, Sydney, São Paulo, Toronto, Milan, and Brussels. Abelow's work is included in Shoot for the Stars opening next month at Swanson Kuball, New York.

**Katya Kirilloff** (b. 1976) lives and works in Harris, NY. She received her BFA from Art Center College of Design (2007). Kirilloff held her first solo exhibition at Freddy (2022) followed by a two-person exhibition at Romantic Acquaintances, Great Barrington (2023). Kirilloff's work is included in Shoot for the Stars opening next month at Swanson Kuball, New York.