

SPRING/BREAK NYC 2024

Monster

Artists: Charles Clary,
Caitlin McCormack, and
Taylor Lee Nicholson

75 Varick Street, NYC

September 4, 2024
Press + Collector Preview 2-5PM
VIP Opening Night 5-8PM

September 5, 2024
VIP Preview Day 12-7PM

September 6-9, 2024
Show Days 12 - 7PM

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ART SHOW



Jac Lahav, Childless Cat Lady (Detail)



Taylor Lee Nicholson Let It Burn (Urn) and Caitlin McCormack, The Holy Spirit of Halloween™

Monster is a co-curatorial project from Michele Jaslow & Abshalom Jac Lahav for the NYC 2024 SPRING/BREAK Art Show Fair.

Monster uses the tropes and aesthetics of horror movies to explore who exists in the exterior light of day and who dwells in the dark interior. Curators Jac Lahav and Michele Jaslow and artists Charles Clary, Caitlin McCormack, and Taylor Lee Nicholson use horror elements to examine themes of trauma, loss, poverty, gender-equality, isolation, and things falling apart.

With a mix of shock, fear, brutality, and dark humor, no other genre delves as effectively into the fragility of existence and the inevitable end awaiting us all. Monster is a determination of who's who under horror film tropes. The horror genre serves as mirror to our contemporary concerns, reflecting dysfunction in society. They highlight our failure to address pressing issues like gender-based inequity, environmental collapse, and racial injustice.

Blending reality with fantasy, horror films challenge human supremacy and depict consequences for our shortcomings.

It is within this context that we take a hard look at who lives in the exterior light of day and who dwells in the dark interior. To accomplish this the booth divides into two distinct factions, our monsters dispensing jump-scars in the darkness of the interior and those who work in the exterior in the light using these same tropes to view gendered craft as art, surviving trauma, and collaborative relational aesthetics with an approach that is restless and hungry.



Charles Clary, Be Kind Rewind Series

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