

# Bare

Curated by  
Jörg M. Colberg

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Michael Mazzeo Gallery is pleased to present **Bare**, a group exhibition of photography, curated by **Jörg M. Colberg**, founder and author of the influential weblog, *Concipientious*.

Participating artists include, **Rachael Dunville, Amy Elkins, Ethan Aaro Jones, Richard Learoyd, Jennifer Loeber, Hellen van Meene, Josh Quigley, Richard Renaldi, Jessica Roberts, Alec Soth, Shen Wei and Carmen Winant**. The exhibition will be on view from December 11 through January 24. **A reception for the artists will be held at the gallery on Thursday, December 11, from 6PM to 8PM.**

Emerging from a long history of figurative representation, the images that make up *Bare* represent various perspectives on the human form, and the relationships that are defined by physical experience. Reflecting a contemporary liberation from deeply rooted and oppressive conventions, particularly the issues of the male gaze and the imposition of sexuality onto an objectified body, these photographs reveal emotional and psychological intimacies that allow the subjects to be represented as independent beings.

The photographers included in *Bare* actively counter the images of exclusively sexual and idealized bodies, exploited by the unwitting alliance of conservative groups and the advertising industry, which despite their divergent goals, function in the same way to impose an unattainable beauty standard, and the equation of nudity = sex.

This infiltration into one's most intimate and vulnerable space, is gradually undone by the relief of photographic representations of genuine physical beauty that can only be the result of a genuine self-possession of the body.

Empowered in their sense of self, the subjects of *Bare* engage in revealing moments of vulnerability and uncertainty, and express the seducing subtleties of the photographer/subject relationship. Whether quiet and reflective, caught in moments of awkward consciousness, or boldly available to the viewer, the subjects participate in the photographers common practice of sincere and uncontrived representation.

**For more information, press images, or interviews, please contact the gallery.**

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