

REYNOLDS GALLERY

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Brittany Nelson

Beam Us Home

November 5, 2021 - December 23, 2021



Gelatin Silver 8, 2021, c print, 40 x 40 inches

Opening reception

Friday, November 5, 5 - 7 pm

1514 W Main Street, Richmond, VA 23226

Reynolds Gallery announces a solo show by Brittany Nelson

Reynolds Gallery is pleased to present *Beam Us Home*, an exhibition of recent photographs by Brittany Nelson. The show opens with a reception for the artist on Friday, November 5 from 5 - 7 pm and continues through December 23, 2021.

Nelson's new collection of works were made by means of Mordançage chemistry. The photo historical process subjects a developed photograph to a chemical solution that reacts violently to the silver contained in the darkroom paper, causing the light sensitive layer to come loose, shift, and crystallize. Nelson scans the toxic originals at a high resolution and

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dramatically increases the scale, emphasizing the chemical reactions that are happening in the material and creating vast landscapes.

Beam Us Home features seven carefully selected pieces embodying esoteric qualities and reminiscent of planetary and exoplanetary photographs. The large scale and physicality of Nelson's work are a tangible representation of her ongoing dialogue around loneliness and isolation in the LGBTQ+ community. Each piece offers a sense of familiarity in obscure landscapes, tinged by the Mordançage technique. Nelson's oeuvre examines 1970's science fiction author, Alice B. Sheldon, writing under the pen name James Tiptree Jr., whose literature adapted male narrative voices to express her closeted sexuality. Nelson continues her investigation of queer theory in her new collection.

About Brittany Nelson

Brittany Nelson was born in Great Falls, Montana (1984) and currently lives in Richmond where she is an Assistant Professor of Photography at the University of Richmond. She earned her MFA in Photography at Cranbrook Academy of Art (2011) after receiving her BA at Montana State University (2007) in Photography and Philosophy. She has mounted several major solo and group exhibitions, including those at MOCAD, Detroit, MI; The Brooklyn Academy of Music, New York, NY; The International Print Center, New York, NY; The Newcomb Art Museum, New Orleans, LA; Patron Gallery, Chicago, IL; Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden; Die Ecke, Santiago, Chile; and Sonnenstube, Lugano, Switzerland. Among many other accolades, Nelson was awarded a Creative Capital Grant (2015, a Theo Westenberger Grant (2015)), and her monograph *Out of the Everywhere* was released by Mousse Publishing, Milan, Italy (2019). Her work has been featured in publications such as Art In America, Frieze and the New Yorker and is held in private and public collections including the Trondheim Kunstmuseum, Trondheim, Norway; Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, MI; Nasher Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC; and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, among others.

About Reynolds Gallery

Based in Richmond, Virginia, Reynolds Gallery has been exhibiting challenging contemporary art since 1977. The gallery was founded by Beverly Reynolds once she identified the need and opportunity for a contemporary art gallery in Richmond. Her first show included Alexander Calder gouaches and Max Ernst drawings. Over the next three decades, Reynolds Gallery grew into one of the most well-known Mid-Atlantic galleries, exhibiting many blue-chip artists like Ellsworth Kelly, John Baldessari, and Sally Mann. In addition, Reynolds Gallery represents regional artists from a rich pool of talent in Virginia, often professors and students from Virginia Commonwealth University.

We continue our founder's legacy of fierce commitment to exhibiting the highest caliber of artists and building lasting relationships with clients to make the experience of looking at art engaging and personal. Our strength lies in the broad spectrum of work we exhibit and our belief that art is a central component to life. Whether you're a seasoned collector, a curious beginner, or simply passing through – we invite you to join us in our mission to inspire every day.