



Bare Men: The Group Show artists: DearIndifference, Ekin Balcıoğlu

Bare Men: The Group Show at The Living Gallery in Bushwick

NEW YORK - On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, Abigail Ekue Photography presents *Bare Men: The Group Show* at The Living Gallery in Bushwick Brooklyn. The exhibit will be on view from September 29 through October 4 starting with a press preview on Sunday, September 29. The opening reception will be held on October 1 from 7 to 10 PM. On Thursday, October 3, 2019, an Artist Talk will be held at 6 to 8 PM.

About the Exhibition:

Abigail Ekue Photography makes her curatorial debut with *Bare Men: The Group Show*. The group exhibit features male nude photography from figure studies, editorial, fashion and glamour, outdoor, conceptual, erotic and self portrait genres.

“I chose photography as the sole medium for this show not only because I’m a photographer but also because photography is the most censored medium of the male nude.”

As the photographer behind the *Bare Men* series, Ekue has been working to subvert the censorship and end the taboo of the male nude -- full-frontal, all bodies, erections -- and the men who inhabit those bodies.

The exhibit features 32 artists from Germany, Austria, Israel, The UK, Canada, India and across the US.



Bare Men: The Group Show artists: Adam Burke, Jen Folsom, Tim Foley

“I invited and selected photographers whose imagery was intimate, delicate, raw, erotic, evocative. The work I was drawn to took my breath away. The artists in *Bare Men: The Group Show* exhibit many expressions of masculinity through their photography and self portraiture. These photographers are daring, pushing boundaries or elevating the classic nude tropes.”

Exhibiting Artists:

Adam Burke, Aeric Meredith-Goujon, Andy Kabi, Anira Ivo, Ann-Marie Stillion, Arnold Barretto, Berta A. Daniels, Bill Mattern, DearIndifference, Ekin Balcioğlu, Evan Murphy, Exposing40, H. Tim Secnal, Jen Folsom, Linda Richard, Logan Benedict, Naked World, Nick Kershaw, Oliver Estrella, Only Sky Studios, Patrick, Peter J. Robinson Jr., Raj Kamal, Shelagh Howard, Steve Stenzel, Tim Foley, Wolf Schwarz, Wylde Soul Photography, Zaza Greene



Bare Men: The Group Show artists: Ann-Marie Stillion, Oliver Estrella, Zaza Greene

Bare Men: The Group Show marks the return to The Living Gallery for Abigail Ekue Photography. In the spring of 2016, Ekue held her solo *Bare Men Pop-Up Exhibit* in the space.

The Living Gallery is located in Bushwick, Brooklyn.

About the Curator:

Abigail Ekue is a New York City-based photographer and author. Her primary body of work includes portrait, editorial and nude photography. Through her *Bare Men* series, she displays men the way women are presented - full frontal, vulnerable, and objectified. Her work has been published in *PAPER*, *The Huffington Post*, *Time Out New York*, *WideWalls*, *L'Oeil de la Photographie*, *Refinery29*, *The Naked and the Lens* (2nd Edition), *The Creators Project*, *Queerguru* along with various publications in the US, UK, France, Germany, Mexico, Switzerland, and India. Selections from *Bare Men* have been exhibited in group exhibitions in New York and Johannesburg and as the "Artist of the Month" for two months at the Erotic Heritage Museum in Las Vegas. In May 2016, she presented *Bare Men* in a pop-up exhibit at the Living Gallery. *Behind the Lens: Bare Men* is a short documentary about the series and her process, which was produced by Zoomin TV. Abigail Ekue's work with the male nude has been cited in graduate theses on vulnerable masculinity and the differences in the depiction of males versus females in fashion photography. Her editorial photography has been exhibited in the Museum of the City of New York, digital display at Musée du Louvre and in online outlets *Flavorwire* and *BLOUIN ARTINFO*. Abigail Ekue has been a guest on numerous radio shows and podcasts to discuss her series including *Artgasm* and W Radio Colombia.

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