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**Garis & Hahn presents *This Body*
a group exhibition curated by VICTORI + MO**

November 3 – December 15, 2018

Opening Reception: November 3rd | 5-8pm



Genesis Belanger, *To the Core*, 2017
Stoneware and Porcelain, 9 x 7 x 3 inches

October 17, 2018 - (Los Angeles, CA) Garis & Hahn is pleased to present ***This Body***, an exhibition of sculptures by a select group of East and West Coast-based women artists curated by VICTORI + MO.

Working with a wide range of materials, the ten artists in this group exhibition explore issues of the body, personal identity and perception: topics of immediate relevance to current events. As society continues to become increasingly polarized, the new paradigm is inclined to categorize people into binary extremes, rather than celebrate individual attributes.

Opinions, personalities and appearances are pigeonholed; fat or thin, independent or subservient, conservative or liberal and other absolutes are expressed in a rigid and exclusive manner consisting of only the two diametrically opposed concepts. Too often, values and principles are regarded as either universally valid or not—if one does not identify with a specific idea, one must be in direct opposition to it.

With the collective awakening behind female-led movements such as the Women's March and #MeToo, there has come an inspiring shift, manifesting fundamental changes in the widespread championing of strong and independent women. However, empowerment looks different from person to person, and how one chooses to embody that notion is a unique, autonomous decision. Is there a space for women to be self-reliantly independent while concurrently possessing the qualities or appearance traditionally thought of as feminine? Or are those

distinguishing characteristics now considered mutually incompatible, incapable of existing together? Perhaps by engaging changing notions, celebrating individuality, and broadening perceptions of femininity, society might encounter a greater sense of inclusivity.

The women artists featured in *This Body* represent varied experiences and circumstances, different and diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, all of them having established a unique space for herself in this world. These women tell their own stories in their own distinctive way, creating work which goes beyond the limits of extremes, transcending the qualities and characteristics associated with perceived traits.

Artists include:

Kyla Hansen, Megan Reed, Roxanne Jackson, Genesis Belanger, Phoenix Lindsey Hall, Meg Stein, Amanda Martinez, Rebecca Morgan, Cammie Staros, Crys Yin

About Garis & Hahn

Garis & Hahn is a gallery-cum-Kunsthalle that mounts exhibitions focused on conceptual narratives and relevant conversations in contemporary art. By displaying an array of carefully curated artists, the gallery endeavors to provide accessibility, education, awareness, and a market to the art while engaging both the arts community and a broader general audience.

About VICTORI + MO

VICTORI + MO is a contemporary art gallery dedicated to developing and presenting emerging artists. Since its inception in 2014, the gallery has been intrinsic to experimentation, working collaboratively with artists to realize novel and ambitious projects outside their typical realm. In addition to nurturing artists and mounting exhibitions, the gallery also functions as a center for rigorous intellectual exchange, hosting dialogues, lectures, and other community activities.

Gallery Hours:

Tuesday, 1 – 5pm

Wednesday – Saturday, 11am - 5pm

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