

GALLERY AFERRO

Respond In Kind

Jacob Lawrence Mandel



Adjust/Resist Accordingly (detail), digital photographs and film scans, 60x384, 2016-17

Feb 11th - April 1st, 2017
Gallery Aferro Liminal Gallery
73 Market Street, Newark

OPENING RECEPTION

February 11th, 2017
7pm - 10pm

GALLERY HOURS

Wednesday - Saturday
12pm - 6pm
and by appointment

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Curated by Evonne M. Davis

Jacob Mandel's work focuses on ideas, introspection, memory, and emotions. Through his practice he reflects on experiential phenomenon using photography as a parallel to the way we see the world. His work is influenced by a passion for the history of photography, and a constant engagement with attempting to define his perception of the world around him. Mandel believes photographic processes can be used to subvert expectations of what a photograph can or must do. Through that contradiction of purpose he believes his artwork mirrors our own understanding, and misunderstanding, of the world around us.

Visit

73 Market Street, Newark, NJ
Wednesday - Saturday 12-6
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Mission

The mission of Gallery Aferro is to bring cultural education and aesthetic engagement with contemporary issues to all people equally, and to create an environment where artists can gather and share physical and intellectual resources. We are working towards an arts community that is available to everyone, without sacrificing standards or quality of experience.

Accessing The Gallery

Gallery hours are listed above, come by for a visit! Gallery Aferro is a street level storefront gallery and is wheelchair accessible. If you need special assistance, requests, or desire additional information about accessibility, please email our ADA Coordinator, Evonne Davis, at edavis@aferro.org. We believe art is absolutely for everyone and are very happy to accommodate anyone's needs but please give us 1 week notice for any arrangements that will need to be made at the gallery. If you require large print press materials please let us know 48 hours ahead of time.

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Trying To Be Honest, digital photograph, oil pastel, 16x20, 2016

Experimentation is crucial to Jacob's artistic practice and pushing the boundaries of his vision is something he strives for constantly. Jacob also combines media and images, layering content, ideas, textures, and processes. This is another way in which he works to create artwork that acts as a mirror to perception while creating a type of visual poetry. Mandel feels that diversity of experience is crucial to one's ability to empathize and understand other cultures. The layering of media and images in his work is his way of engaging in social awareness. Creating an immersive experience, walking the line between photography, installation, poetry, and illustration, Jacob illustrates his own meditations on understanding and creating one's identity and introspective consciousness. This work, though deeply personal and specific to his life, creates an allegory for experience that isn't tethered to one singular type of experience. Through presenting these ideas, Jacob encourages the viewer to look upon themselves and attempt to understand their own place amongst our shared reality.

Jacob Mandel was born in December 1990. He graduated with honors from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University in 2012 receiving a BFA in Photography and a minor degree in Art History. He currently works as Gallery Manager at Gallery Aferro in Downtown Newark. Jacob is the co-founder and Administrative Director of Collaborate Audio Lab, a collaborative partner with Oculus Art Collaborative and has curated exhibitions for Newark Open Doors, Gallery Aferro, and the Arts Guild of New Jersey. In 2013 Mandel was awarded a scholarship to attend the Nonprofit Emerging Leaders Certificate Program at The Institute for Ethical Leadership, Rutgers Business School. In 2016 he was nominated for an Ubuntu Award at Newark's 30 under 30 hosted by Them Cloud Kids.

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