

Helen Altman

Hair of the Dog

May 20 – July 1, 2017

Reception for the artist Saturday, May 20, 6-8 pm

Gallery Talk by Caleb Bell, Curator, Tyler Museum of Art, Tyler, Texas Saturday, May 20, 6 pm

Moody Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of new work by Helen Altman. *Hair of the Dog* includes sculpture, drawing, mixed media work and photography that deal primarily with the way people relate to nature. Her focus on the environment stems from her love of wildlife and the natural world. Using a thermal transfer process, Altman creates a series of quilted baby blankets, imprinted with found images of animals. Altman will also install a flock of her well-known sculptures of birds on branches. Hand weaving each life size bird out of wire, Altman's attention to detail often makes the birds' species recognizable. Also featured in this exhibition are Altman's torch drawings. Substituting pen and pencil for a propane torch, Altman burns images of wildlife into the paper.

The exhibition will be on view May 20 - July 1, 2017 with a reception for the artist on Saturday, May 20, 6-8 pm. A Gallery Talk by Caleb Bell, Curator of the Tyler Museum of Art, Tyler, Texas will be held Saturday, May 20 at 6 pm. Bell is currently working on a survey exhibition of Altman's work that will be presented at the Tyler Museum of Art (March 11 - June 3, 2018). Last year Bell also curated an extensive exhibition of her work that was on view at the Longview Museum of Fine Arts, Longview, Texas.

Helen Altman was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1958 and currently lives and works in Fort Worth, Texas. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa as well as a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. She has had several museum exhibitions including the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, The Glassell School of Art at The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, the Grace Museum, Abilene, Texas, and the Longview Museum of Fine Art, Texas. She has also exhibited at the Museum of Arts and Design, New York, the Chelsea Art Museum, New York, the Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, and the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, amongst others. Her work is part of the permanent collections of the Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, the Dallas Museum of Art, and the Sarah Moody Gallery of Art, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Moody Gallery is located at 2815 Colquitt, Houston, Texas 77098. The gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:30-5, and Saturday, 11:00-5:00. For more information, please contact Moody Gallery at 713-526-9911 or by email at info@moodygallery.com.