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Hannah Hummel: Unfold Your Fist

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Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Opening: Saturday September 13th, 2014, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

DIANE ROSENSTEIN is pleased to announce *Hannah Hummel: Unfold Your Fist*, a solo exhibition of photographs, video, and textiles produced over the past two years in Germany and in the United States. *Hannah Hummel: Unfold Your Fist* opens Saturday, September 13th, with a reception for the artist from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. This is Hummel's first exhibition with the gallery.

Hannah Hummel, who lives in Cologne, Germany, will present portraits, still life, and installation that question and define the significance of shifting mindsets in western culture. The title of the exhibition – *Unfold Your Fist* - refers to the artist's emphasis on encouraging open and vulnerable interaction with the people and places she engages in her practice. Miss Hummel endeavors to create "a cosmos where the individual is not reduced to solely gender, race or age, but where the situation of a person is implied." This universe is revealed in two videos from her "Picnic" series -- an ongoing collection of picnic scenes in different languages in various locations around the world. Here she will present "Picnic LA" (a Haitian couple in Elysian Park) and "Picnic NY" (Three Cuban friends in Central Park).

In her artist's statement, Hummel asks "How do we engage with the world and how do we locate ourselves in relation to others?" Her questions are presented in a structure of recurring motifs driven by field studies and personal reflections that are woven throughout the installation -- in monumental suspended textiles; small silk-printed photographs she calls "Folds"; and, notably, several series of color photographs, including portraits of two young men from New Haven, where the artist recently completed her MFA in Photography at The Yale School of Art.

Currently, Hannah Hummel is completing her diploma studies with Prof. Andreas Gursky at the Kunstakademie, Dusseldorf, Germany. Miss Hummel has exhibited work

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in Germany and Spain; and recently participated in *DEEP END: Yale MFA Photo 2014*, a group show that traveled from the FLAG Art Foundation in New York to our gallery this past summer. *Unfold Your Fist* is the artist's first solo exhibition.

Hannah Hummel: Unfold Your Fist will be on view through October 11th, 2014.

Hannah Hummel (Germany, b. 1988) received her MFA in Photography from the Yale University School of Art, New Haven, Connecticut (2014), and will complete her diploma studies with Prof. Andreas Gursky at Kunstakademie, Dusseldorf, Germany in 2015. Hannah Hummel's work has been included in numerous group exhibitions, including *En el Castillo*, Group Show, Lanzarote, Spain (2014); *DEEP END: Yale MFA Photo 2014* (Curated by Roe Etheridge), FLAG Art Foundation, New York City, New York; *DEEP END: Yale MFA Photo 2014* (Curated by Awol Erizku), Diane Rosenstein, Los Angeles, California; *I Like America and America Likes Me*, Screening in Collaboration with *Chiquería*, Studio for Artistic Research, Dusseldorf, Germany (2013); *Silent Perception*, Kunst im Tunnel, Dusseldorf, Germany (2013); *66. Bergischer Kunstpreis*, Museum Baden, Solingen, Germany (2012); among others. Miss Hummel lives and works in Cologne, Germany.