Jeff Robb | Beyond Naked

(Selected Works 2008 – 2018)

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Pontone Gallery presents a retrospective of British artist Jeff Robb's compelling work. This is a unique opportunity to view a comprehensive selection of his lenticular photographs made over the last ten years. Internationally successful and award-winning, he is an acknowledged expert in this form of image making.

His primary subject is the human body. Posed in ways which articulate the gracefulness of the moving form, his models jump, flex and fall. In a series of images they contort and stretch themselves within the geometric confines of a rigid structure, exploring the limits of their ability to occupy the space. This is a sensuous and opulent world: his subjects are good-looking, athletic exemplars of physicality. The photographs express the lush texture, tone and contour of their skin, muscle and bone-structure in all its gleaming corporeality. The dense and subtle tonal range articulates their chiaroscuro form with all the expressive affect of baroque painting.

The lenticular technique, where multiple exposures of captured images are printed onto a lens-like surface, makes an illusion of movement. Robb consciously exploits this effect to express what he describes as the 'liminal' quality of his images. The subject is in flux, moving from one state to another. Caught at a threshold, at a moment of possible transformation, self-absorbed in their action, they are forever hovering in the present.

An immanent sense of control permeates these photographs. We see it in the selfpossession and athleticism of the subject, the sophisticated 'theatre of production' and in the mastery of the craft of the camera. These images embody the struggle to capture and contain the fleeting and evanescent, to grab hold of and identify an instant of beauty before it decays and fades from sight.

Robb shows us the history of his thorough investigation into the possibilities of the lenticular photograph. It has allowed him to explore themes of eroticism, control and the liminal. We see his enquiry span across subject matter, probing the potential of the medium, bringing to light startling images of glowing radiance and emphatic weight.

1. **Qualia 7** | 2008 | Lenticular Photograph | 50 x 50 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

2. **Orange, Black and White** | 2008 | Lenticular Photograph | 53 x 53 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

3. **Unveiled 9** | 2008 | Lenticular Photograph | 50 x 50 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

4. **Qualia Combined** | 2009 | Lenticular Photograph | 67 x 67 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

5. **Macroland – Ran Tan** | 2010 | Lenticular Photograph | 60 x 43 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

6. **Macroland – The Revenant** | 2010 | Lenticular Photograph | 70 x 50 cm | Edition of 6 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

7. **Aerial 12** | 2011 | Lenticular Photograph | 50 x 50 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

8. **Gravity 7** | 2012 | Lenticular Photograph | 100 x 100 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

9. **Gravity 11** | 2012 | Lenticular Photograph | 111 x 85 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

10. **Gravity 13** | 2012 | Lenticular Photograph | 111 x 85 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

11. **Gravity 22** | 2012 | Lenticular Photograph | 111 x 85 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

12. **Antimony** | 2013 | Lenticular Photograph | 100 x 76 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

13. **Aerial 1** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 25 x 25 cm | Edition of 6 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

14. **Othersides 1** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 25 x 25 cm | Edition of 6 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

15. **Othersides 3** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 25 x 25 cm | Edition of 6 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

16. **Othersides 13** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 25 x 25 cm | Edition of 6 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

17. **Othersides 6** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 50 x 50 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

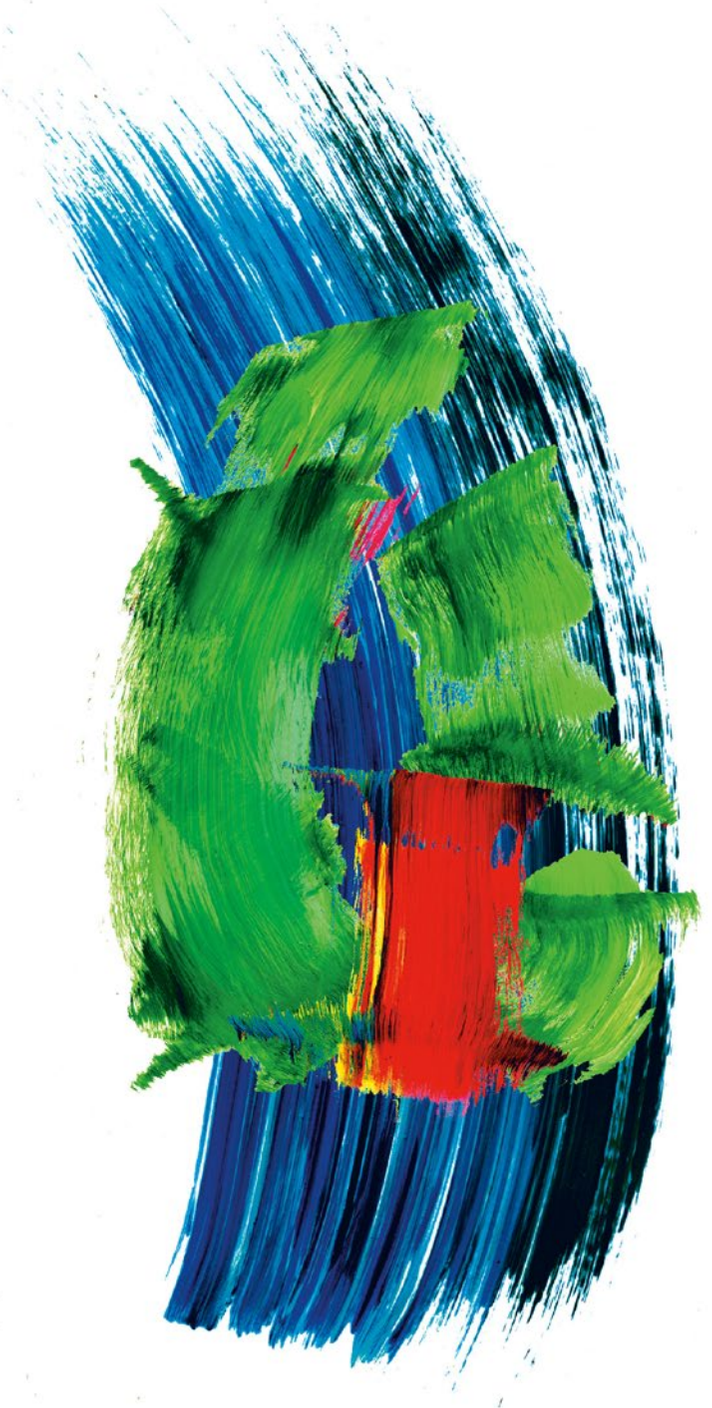
18. **Othersides 7** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 50 x 50 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

19. **Heaven in a Wild Flower** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 116 x 86 cm | Edition of 9 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

20. **Wild Flower** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 116 x 86 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

21. **Thought Experiment 4** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 25 x 25 cm | Edition of 6 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

22. **Thought Experiment 10** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 25 x 25 cm | Edition of 6 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*



23. **Macroland – New Wave** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 75 x 75 cm | Edition of 6 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

24. Unnatural Causes 2
2014 | Lenticular Photograph
25 x 25 cm | Edition of 6 + 2 AP
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25. Unnatural Causes 8
2014 | Lenticular Photograph
25 x 25 cm | Edition of 6 + 2 AP
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26. **Unnatural Causes 19** | 2014 | Lenticular Photograph | 100 x 100 cm | 1/2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

27. **Unnatural Causes 29** | 2015 | Lenticular Photograph | 100 x 100 cm | Edition of 9 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

28. Affinity | 2016 | Bronze | 50 x 90 x 90 cm | *ENQUIRE*

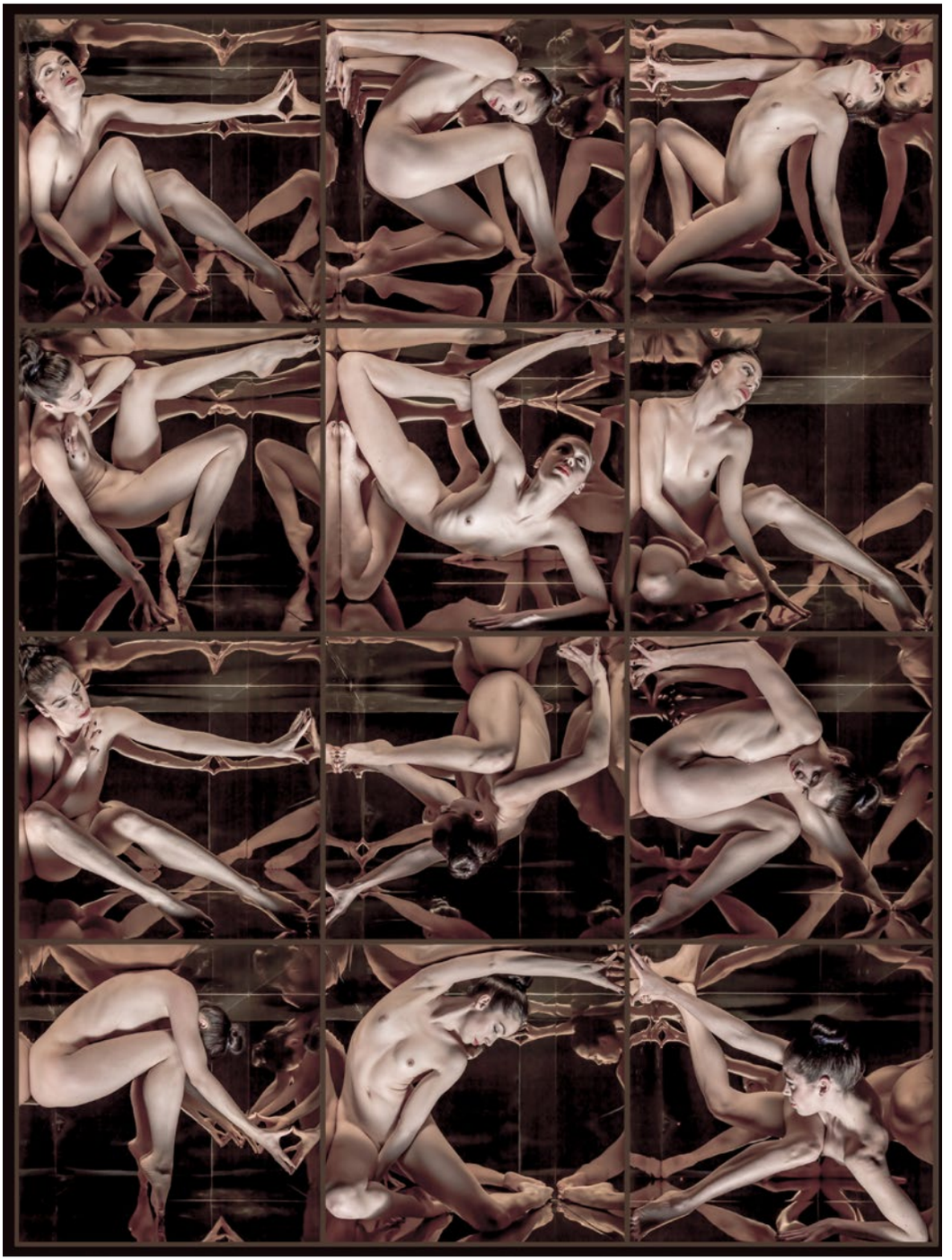
29. **Nightfall 6** | 2016 | Lenticular Photograph | 100 x 100 cm | Edition of 9 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

30. **Nightfall 5** | 2016 | Lenticular Photograph | 183 x 122 cm | Edition of 6 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

31. **The Messenger** | 2016 | Lenticular Photograph | 100 x 100 cm | Edition of 9 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

32. **The Seduction of Io** | 2016 | Lenticular Photograph | 100 x 100 cm | Edition of 9 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

33. P3 | 2016 | Lenticular Photograph | 50 x 50 cm | Edition of 12 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*



34. **Mirror Series – Equivalent** | 2017 | Lenticular Photograph | 116 x 86 cm | Edition of 9 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

35. **Two Hands 1 (i)** | 2017 | Lenticular Photograph | 78 x 59 cm | Edition of 12 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

36. **Two Hands 2 (ii)** | 2017 | Lenticular Photograph | 78 x 59 cm | Edition of 12 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

37. **Aria (i)** | 2018 | Lenticular Photograph | 116 x 86 cm | Edition of 9 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

38. **Aria (iii)** | 2018 | Lenticular Photograph | 116 x 86 cm | Edition of 9 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

39. **Aria (iv)** | 2018 | Lenticular Photograph | 116 x 86 cm | Edition of 9 + 2 AP | *ENQUIRE*

JEFF ROBB
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EDUCATION
Royal College of Art London
Darwin Scholar at the Royal College of Art with extra year of study 1992–93
Master of Fine Art Holography with distinction 1991–92
BSc Leeds University 1984–87

RECENT SELECTED SHOWS/FAIRS

2017 Context Art Miami, Miami (with Pontone Gallery)
Solo Show 'Ventures in Light', Pontone Gallery, London
2016 Solo Show 'Nightfall', Pontone Gallery, London
2015 Context Art Miami, Miami (with Shine Artists)
Art Taipei, Taipei City (with Shine Artists)
Art Silicon Valley/San Francisco, San Mateo (with Shine Artists)
Art Southampton, New York (with Shine Artists)
345 Broome Street, New York (with Shine Artists)
Art Busan, Busan (with Shine Artists)
Art 15, London (with Shine Artists)
Solo Show 'Liminal States', Shine Artists, London
Art Central, Hong Kong (with Shine Artists)
2 Rivington, Armory week, New York (with Shine Artists)
Art Wynwood, Miami (with Shine Artists)
Group Show 'Preview | London', Shine Artists, London
Art Palm Beach, West Palm Beach (with Albemarle Gallery & Shine Artists)
London Art Fair, London (with Shine Artists)
'Artist-IQ' Amsterdam - 500 Years of Art, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam
2014 Context Art Miami, Miami (with Shine Artists)
Art Taipei, Taipei City (with Shine Artists)
Art Silicon Valley, San Mateo (with Shine Artists)
KIAF 2014, Seoul (with Shine Artists)
Solo Show Installation – 'Three Acts', Van Loon en Simons, Vught
Solo Show 'Capturing the Invisible', McLaren Beverly Hills with Mauger Modern Art
2013 Solo Show Installation, London Newcastle Project Space - Three Acts of Will installation
2012 Solo Show, Barcelona (with Mauger Modern Art)
Solo Show, 'Thought Experiments', New York
Witzenhausen Gallery, New York
Solo Show, India Art Fair, New Delhi
Realism Amsterdam
2011 KIAF 2011, Seoul
SCOPE, Basel
Group show, Krause Gallery, New York
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Art in Asia (with Jiang Art Gallery)
Solo Show Jiang Art Gallery, Hong Kong
2010 Wood for Trees, Bo Lee Gallery – group show inc. Paula Rego and Gavin Turk, Bath
Art London, Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, London
2009 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, London
Castle Galleries, UK nationwide 2009, Naked Singularity
1987 First Solo Show, Museum Street Gallery

COLLECTIONS
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
Her Royal Highness Princess Firyal of Jordan
Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Getty Museum, Los Angeles
SAM Museum, Osaka
Artificium Gallery, Prague
Washington Museum of the Third Dimension

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