



KRISTIN SKEES
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The photographs in Kristin Skees' exhibition "Close-Knit" present an intriguing approach to the long-standing tradition of portraiture. When viewers approach these photographs from the artist's ongoing Cozy Portraits series, they are denied central components that ordinarily allow for a deeper reading of a portrait: a sitter's facial expression or the nuances that lie in a sitter's body position. Instead, the subjects of Skees' photos, who are often close friends and family, don knitted "cozies" that obscure their physical features. Like an ill-fitting handmade sweater, the cozies envelop the subjects' bodies and make for portraits that are both specific and universal, representational and abstract.

Skees' Cozy Portraits draw upon methods that artists have implemented in portraiture for centuries. In an era when portraits were only afforded to the wealthiest of patrons, artists not only provided a likeness of their sitter, but often included carefully selected items and belongings that further expressed the sitter's status and identity.



KRISTIN SKEES works in a variety of media, including photography, experimental fibers, digital video and installation. She has shown her work nationally and abroad, and her photographs are found in various private and public collections, including the Cohen Family Collection, the Candela Collection, the Huntsville Museum of Art and the Mobile Museum of Art. She was awarded a 2016-2017 Professional Artist Fellowship from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. She has a BFA from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a MFA from the University of Arizona, and an MLIS from the University of Alabama. Kristin currently teaches digital photography and video art in the Department of Fine Art and Art History at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia. This is her first solo exhibition with Galleri Urbane.



Close-Knit, 2018, installation view



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Alan (Badlands), 2015
Archival Inkjet Print on Hahnemühle Photo Rag Paper
Edition of 15 plus AP, 24x36, \$1800
Edition of 15 plus AP, 16x24, \$1200



Alan (Gradient 1), 2016
Archival Inkjet Print on
Hahnemühle Photo Rag Paper
Edition of 15 plus AP, 24x36, \$1800
Edition of 15 plus AP, 16x24, \$1200



Alan (Gradient 2), 2016
Archival Inkjet Print on
Hahnemühle Photo Rag Paper
Edition of 15 plus AP, 24x36, \$1800
Edition of 15 plus AP, 16x24, \$1200



Alan (with Ruby), 2011
Archival Inkjet Print on Hahnemühle Photo Rag Paper
Edition of 15, 24" x 36", \$1,800
Edition of 15, 16" x 24", \$1,200



Amy, 2013
Archival Inkjet Print on
Hahnemühle Photo Rag Paper
Edition of 15, 24" x 36", \$1,800
Edition of 15, 16" x 24", \$1,200



Bertie, 2016
Archival Inkjet Print on
Hahnemühle Photo Rag Paper
Edition of 15, 24" x 36", \$1,800
Edition of 15, 16" x 24", \$1,200



Bill the Librarian, 2010
Archival Inkjet Print on
Hahnemühle Photo Rag Paper
Edition of 15, 24" x 36", \$1,800
Edition of 15, 16" x 24", \$1,200



Brett and Mindi, 2010
Archival Inkjet Print on
Hahnemühle Photo Rag Paper
Edition of 15, 24" x 36", \$1,800
Edition of 15, 16" x 24", \$1,200



Bruce and Dale (with Homer), 2012
Archival Inkjet Print on Hahnemühle Photo Rag Paper
Edition of 15, 27" x 30", \$1,800
Edition of 15, 16" x 18", \$1,200



Christi, 2015
Archival Inkjet Print on
Hahnemühle Photo Rag Paper
Edition of 15, 24" x 36", \$1,800
Edition of 15, 16" x 24", \$1,200



Derek, 2010
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Gina 1, 2009
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Edition of 15, 16" x 24", \$1,200



Greg, 2011
Archival Inkjet Print on
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Jessica, 2015
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John, 2011
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Julie, 2010
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Edition of 15, 16" x 24", \$1,200



Kristen, 2010
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Edition of 15, 16" x 24", \$1,200



Mom and Dad #1, 2009
Archival Inkjet Print on Hahnemühle Photo Rag Paper
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