

## Alina Orlov | Ballroom

Curator: Maya Frenkel Tene

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Alina Orlov's works are seductive, mysterious and perplexing. They tend to focus on an enticing, extrovert, often outlandish, touchingly solitary female figure. This intimate viewpoint allows Orlov to engage with questions of gender, performativity and sterile sexuality. Orlov's biography, which includes immigration to Israel from the former Soviet Union and conversion to Judaism during her army service, led her to question notions of dislocation, loss of home, ambivalent identity and unstable religious belief. Her artistic practice includes video, sculpture, glassblowing and readymade. These media gather into art installations that create alienated environments engulfed in a sense of fragility and absurdness.

The seemingly nude woman in the video "Ballroom" dances alone. Her bare feet are colored a faded blue; she sings a Russian pop song in a cracked voice. In another scene, flashing lights, American arcade machines, and a sparkling evening gown hanging on a coat-hanger fill a tiny room. They suggest a yearning for something that was and no longer is, past fame perhaps or an unfulfilled fantasy. The glass swing set in the exhibition space is an unusable object, something from the realm of dreams and fairytales. Like Cinderella's glass slipper - at midnight it will all vanish into thin air.

Alina Orlov (b. 1990), lives and works in Chicago and Tel Aviv. She graduated with honors from Bezalel Academy of Art and Design (2015) and is currently studying for an MA degree at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her works have recently been exhibited at the Fresh Paint Art Fair (2018) and in a solo exhibition at Indie Gallery. She completed the artist residency program in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Fabrication of glass swing: Maayan Feigin and Boris Shpeizman

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