

Puberty



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February 3-26, 2023

Saturdays & Sundays 12-5pm,
or by appointment

Opening reception Friday, February 3, 6-10pm

Bell Projects presents – **Puberty** – a solo exhibition of new work by **Viera Smith**. This exhibition opens Friday, February 3rd and runs through February 26th, 2023. Please join us for an **opening reception on February 3rd from 6pm until 10pm**.

Puberty is an autobiographical series of self-portraits documenting Viera Smith's first year of hormone replacement therapy (HRT). This series encompasses physical and mental changes seen through HRT, as well as illustrating major life events that have occurred as a result of transitioning. This body of work is divided into three 4-month intervals (0-4 months, 4-8 months, 8-11 months), and each interval is inspired by a different style of art and portraiture.

Along with the self-portraits, Viera also paints trans and gender non-conforming people within her own community. These portraits are painted on clothing in an effort to draw more visibility to those who may lack it. She uses her background in fashion styling and photography to give a new context to the found-object nature of the canvasses she chooses.

Viera Smith is a post post-modern artist. These portraits are presented in earnest, without irony. She utilizes post-modern techniques to recreate classical forms. She seeks to connect with her community in an authentic way that evokes true modernism, while also acknowledging the skeptical nature that is pervasive within our society.

Viera Smith is a post post-modern artist based out of Denver, CO. She is a self-taught portrait painter with a background in fashion styling and photography. Over the last 10 years, her clients have varied from Uniqlo to Lady Gaga. Viera sees her art as a way of connecting with her past and refining what the future looks like for herself.



1.

Prophase

2022

Acrylic on cotton

60x30"

\$800



2.

Control Study

2022

Acrylic on faux fur

38.5x26"

\$650



3.

Ante

2022

Acrylic on leather

27x29.5"

\$650



4.

What's the Magic Word

2022

Acrylic on leather

37x18"

\$550



5.

Study 1

2022

Acrylic on cotton

35x30"

\$600



6.

Performing Identity

2022

Acrylic on lace

50x28"

\$650



7.

Anaphase

2022

Acrylic on acrylic knit

44x24"

\$550



8.

Charity

2022

Acrylic on faux fur

55x26"

\$650



9.

The Sleepers

2022

Acrylic on satin

58x32"

\$550



10.
It hurts but I like it
 2022
 Acrylic on neoprene
 29x24"
 \$600



11.
Study 2
 2022
 Acrylic on silk
 42x29"
 \$600



12.
Division
 2023
 Acrylic on satin
 97x33"
 \$1,000

IN THE WINDOW



13.
Great Expectations
 2022
 Acrylic on satin
 14.5x12"
 \$1,000



14.
Jane
 2022
 Acrylic on satin
 66.5x37"
 \$1,000



15.
Maria
 2022
 Acrylic on satin
 87x27"
 \$1,000



16.
The Lovers 0
 2022
 Acrylic on satin
 53x34"
 \$1,000

ON THE RACK



Azul 2
2022
Acrylic on denim
26x30.5"
\$450



Thre
2022
Acrylic on acrylic knit
29x23"
\$650



Silo
2022
Acrylic on cotton
43x25"
\$500



David
2022
Acrylic on leather
17x17.5"
\$450



Drew
2022
Acrylic on vinyl
44.5x25"
\$500



Vul
2022
Acrylic on cotton
23x32"
\$650



Azul 1
2022
Acrylic on polyester
23.5x21"
\$450



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