

# A.I.R.

## ***Twist, Glide, Shine***

Alisa Henriquez

October 11 – November 10, 2019

Opening Reception: Friday, October 11, 6-8pm

A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *Twist, Glide, Shine* by Alisa Henriquez. In her most recent assemblages and collages, Henriquez combines digital images drawn from popular media culture, art history, and autobiographical sources with a host of materials including paint, resin, glitter, and synthetic hair and fur. Recurring

motifs such as heavily mascaraed eyes, glossed lips, hair, and images of the body tap on encoded meanings and myths, conjuring ideas of female fertility, sexuality, and desire, albeit through an often media biased lens. At the same time, materials like glitter and paint alternatively function as acts of adornment or defacement when juxtaposed with photo-based imagery.

Whether positioned in the same space or fragmented across multiple panels, these sources inspire a conversation that is as important as their individual material and media born identities. Both, the act of piecing together many views and the fracturing of an image establishes a sense of visual slippage and mutability, calling into question the very idea of the singular, authoritative image. The result are works that capture the ongoing internal negotiation with media fragments and societal constructions of identity and beauty. Ultimately, one might even say, the subject of the work becomes, not the individual images or their juxtaposition, but the act of looking and the constant figuring and problematizing of our relationship to these sources and the continual state of makeover culture they represent.



*You're Soaking In It*, digital prints, acrylic paint, Flashe, glitter, synthetic fur, synthetic hair, beads, foam core, resin on wood panel, 72 x 72", 2019

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