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LARRY CLARK
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Simon Lee Gallery is pleased to announce its forthcoming exhibition of the renowned American photographer and filmmaker Larry Clark.

Larry Clark holds a seminal position in American photography. Widely known for his treatment of teenage sexuality, violence and drug use, Clark's contentious photographs and films are simultaneously unimaginable and unforgettable. For his forthcoming exhibition, Simon Lee Gallery is pleased to present new collages as well as vintage works for the first time in the UK.

Through the 1990s, Clark drew on the cinematic and narrative qualities of his photographs, to begin his shift from still images, to working in film. He started working on collages at the same time as making his first feature film, *Kids* (1995). The collages were in a sense story boards for the films and included newspaper clippings, found photographs, drawings and posters alongside the artist's personal notes and photographs. It would become a practice he would develop during the 90's, including photographs taken directly from television screens or teen magazines and often relating to the important social issues at the heart of his concerns as an artist: the construction of masculinity in American culture; the exploitation of teenagers by the mass media and the destructiveness of dysfunctional family relationships.

This exhibition will present a number of works from this period, including the monumental 1992 - comprising of 209 staged photographs, and a number of collages made in the 1990s. There will also be new and recent work including the collage *I want a baby before u die* (2010).

This exhibition comes off the back of Clark's record breaking retrospective *Kiss the Past Hello* at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris in 2010, which has received worldwide controversy and critical acclaim.

Larry Clark was born in Tulsa in 1943, he Lives and works in New York and Los Angeles.

Larry Clark's work is represented in the photography collections of many major museum collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and Pinakothek Der Moderne, Munich.

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