

# JDJ

## Barrow Parke *Woman*

September 7 - October 30, 2021

Opening reception Saturday, September 11, 12-6pm

JDJ Tribeca  
373 Broadway, B11  
New York, NY 10013

JDJ is thrilled to present *Woman*, an exhibition of new work by Mark Barrow & Sarah Parke, the gallery's second solo exhibition with the artists and the first at the gallery's new location in Tribeca at 373 Broadway.

Inspired by the idea of 'woman' as the progenitor of everything material and intellectual, Barrow & Parke base the works' compositions on ancient fertility statues. The figures' forms are rudimentarily redrawn by finger on a phone or tablet, the bulbous lines becoming containers for a variety of tactile and visual information within the paintings on hand-woven and embroidered fabric as well as the gouache and colored pencil drawings.

In addition to the five *Woman* paintings and drawings on view, a number of other drawings depict patterns the duo created to populate their works on paper, paintings, and wallpaper. The genesis of many of the patterns for the exhibition come from phrases used to describe women—all legs, bombshell, a tall glass of water, or dreamboat; for example. A site-specific wallpaper design renders the pattern of the gallery's pressed tin ceiling as strands of pearls.

Barrow & Parke present their most ambitious iteration of works in the series to date, following the debut of the *Woman* painting series at NADA Miami in 2019 and their current installation on view at the Fabric Workshop Museum in Philadelphia through September 26th. Here, the artists' recent forays into figurative imagery intersect with their decade-long exploration of the logic of weaving and its relationship to visual and digital systems; their interest in craft, design, and artistic practices that exist outside of the art historical canon, and their growing focus on the underlying structures at play in our culture.

Barrow and Parke have also curated their first group exhibition to run concurrently with this solo presentation. *Dangerous Pattern* at JDJ the Ice House in Garrison, NY will be on view from September 18 through November 12, 2021.

Mark Barrow (b. 1982) and Sarah Parke (b.1981) live and work in New York City. Their work has been recently exhibited at the Fabric Workshop & Museum, Philadelphia, JDJ Tribeca, New York, JDJ the Ice House, Garrison, NY; La Capella Cavassa, Saluzzo, Italy; Rose Art Museum at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA; White Columns, New York; Le 109, Nice, France; ZERO..., Milan; Galerie Almine Rech, Paris and Brussels; and Elizabeth Dee, New York. New work will be exhibited at the Allegheny College Art Galleries, Meadville, PA, opening autumn 2021 and Kent State University Museum, Kent, OH opening in early 2022.

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## About JDJ

JDJ was opened by Jayne Drost Johnson in 2018. The gallery represents and exhibits emerging, mid-career and established artists, with an emphasis on the representation of women and people of various identities who are traditionally underserved by the commercial art world. JDJ has two locations: a newly opened exhibition space in Tribeca, located at 373 Broadway, New York, in the heart of the Tribeca arts district, and at the Ice House, a former industrial building with unique architecture in Garrison, NY. The Ice House was built in the early 1900s and is set amid a beautiful natural landscape rather than a traditional white-cube gallery space.