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Neva Mikulicz: They All Wore Pearls

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Neva Mikulicz, a Houston artist working in pencil on paper drawings combined with projected/embedded videos returns to Anya Tish Gallery for her fifth solo exhibition. The series of thirteen works are collectively entitled “They All Wore Pearls” by Mikulicz and, with one exception, are images depicting women in a variety of situations and roles. The finely detailed drawings, based on photographs she finds in family albums and archives alike, return to a Baby Boomer childhood in the USA of the 1950s, but each photograph, in being re-rendered by her pencil, acquires a nearly ineffable unease. It is in this tension that the artist finds her distinct voice.

The images range in size from nearly three by four feet to twelve by sixteen inches. Most are mounted in special frames that allow bits of video imagery – often television programs and films from the 1950s – to occupy a portion of the image using a small flat-screen video-player, while in a few cases animated imagery is projected over the drawing. The use of the video elements and the obsessively complex drawings indulge in an exciting dialogue that questions the relationship between ‘mass media’ and the ‘hand-made.’ The mingling of the Post Modern and the nostalgic further places these images in the chaotic world of the present even as they depict the past.

Regular gallery hours are Tuesday–Friday 11 am – 6 pm. Saturdays 11-5 pm.
or by appointment.