

## MACAULAY & CO. FINE ART

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### HAIR

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**Opening Reception: Friday, July 19th, 6-8pm**

Macaulay & Co. Fine Art is thrilled to present to HAIR, a group exhibition.

Hair is an object of considerable elaboration and preoccupation in almost all societies. Hairstyles and rituals surrounding hair care and adornment convey powerful messages about a person's beliefs, lifestyles, and commitments, and in some cases, social status. Inferences and judgments about a person's morality, sexual orientation and proclivity, political persuasion, and religious beliefs can sometimes be surmised by a particular hairstyle. Because of its versatility, hair can not only symbolize social norms but also changes in social ideologies. It can also signify acts of defiance, political resistance, and solidarity. Past uses of hair as a means of social control and dehumanization have influenced the meaning of "hair taking" by the state; however, hair cutting can also be a nuanced act of caring between friends and loved ones.

"I'm not offended by all the dumb-blondie jokes because I know I'm not dumb. I also know I'm not a blonde."

- Dolly Parton