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## **SVAVA TERGESEN / GARNISHED SUNDRIES**

**March 31st - May 21st, 2022**

**Opening: Thursday, March 31st 4-7pm**

Telephone Gallery is pleased to showcase its seventh exhibition with artist Svava Tergesen presented by Michele Bygodt. Svava Tergesen's *Garnished Sundries* investigates the pandemic in how it has entirely shifted the way we experience city life, entertainment, and home environment. By playing with found food, objects and deconstruction through sculpture and collage, Tergesen's photographs alter the viewer's perception of what is known as familiar objects by allowing these representations to exist outside of what is considered their prime functionality.

In *Garnished sundries*, a new series of work by Svava Tergesen, the artist went out into the city to find cakes, fruit, tableware and other miscellany associated with the act of dining. Back at home, the various objects were re-constructed and augmented using a bricolage of photography, sculpture and collage. The series considers how domestic objects can shape-shift into new forms, and how our experience of the city and the home has radically changed throughout this pandemic. The photographs ask: What differentiates a chore such as food preparation from an act of play? How can familiar objects be used or seen in new ways? By inserting decoration into the space between a three-dimensional object and the flat photographic surface, the artist considers the potential we have to be transported by the ordinary objects that surround us.

**Svava Tergesen** (b. 1993, Vancouver, BC, Canada) is an interdisciplinary artist working primarily in photography. Combining elements of sculpture, collage and cooking, her work reimagines everyday experiences of domesticity, gender and health. She has exhibited at the Polygon Gallery (North Vancouver, Canada); the University of Iowa (Iowa City, USA); Seymour Art Gallery (North Vancouver, Canada); and she was recently long-listed for the New Generation Photography Prize. Her most recent project *Garnished sundries* was on view at 20 bus shelters around the City of Vancouver in January 2022.