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***IRL***

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Tanya Bonakdar Gallery is pleased to present ***IRL***, a second chapter in its ongoing series of ***IRL*** exhibitions featuring important new work by gallery artists. An acronym for “In Real Life”, the term ***IRL*** has taken on profound new resonance in the context of contemporary culture overall, and the visual arts specifically. The primary nature of the in-person, “real life”, experience of visual art has become an existential issue for artists, galleries and museums, in a climate where the virtual, digital or otherwise mediated experience necessarily predominates. The works on view have been carefully selected to emphasize textures, materials, forms, colors and phenomena for which representation as images on screens falls (quite literally) flat.

***IRL*** features work by Kelly Akashi, Sandra Cinto, Olafur Eliasson, Charles Long, Mark Manders, Karyn Olivier, Lisa Oppenheim, Susan Philipsz, Analia Saban, Tomás Saraceno, Sarah Sze and Lisa Williamson.