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(Marfa TX) RULE Gallery is pleased to present *Private Party*, a debut solo exhibition of new works by Sarah Bowling. The show will open with a public reception on Friday, October 5, 2018, from 6-9pm, and will be on view October 5, 2018 through January 5, 2019. RULE Gallery is located at 204 E. San Antonio St., Marfa, TX.

Sarah Bowling explores the constructs of desire and the power dynamics embedded within intimacy. Her brightly colored pieces are ostentatious and unapologetically demand attention while also being deeply personal, and as such, Bowling lures the viewer to her own private party. Playfully exposing her vulnerabilities and surrendering herself to the public, we wonder are we viewer or voyeur? These are questions so often faced in relationships between lovers, society, and the self. Teetering between moments of growth and demise, the perpetual limbo between pleasure and pain, bliss and longing, truth and play, defeat and surrender is where Bowling's work finds traction.

The disparity between binaries is visualized through the pairing of unassuming materials. The suggestive forms of her concrete sculptures contrast with their weight and rigidity and the introduction of gaudy faux-jewels further highlight the idea of confounding expectations. A large wall piece, constructed of acrylic nails, speaks to both the nails' visual appeal and use as protection/confinement. Smaller works of suggestive images are available, with the buyer deciding on the price. All of which adds up to a sensation of both connection and exclusion and leaves the viewer wondering if they were invited or are crashing Bowling's *Private Party*.

Sarah Bowling (b. 1993) lives and works in her native home of Denver, Colorado. Bowling received her BFA in Painting and Sculpture from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2016. Her work has been exhibited in solo and group shows across the country, including Aggregate Space, Oakland, CA, as well as Sullivan Gallery, Archer Beach Haus, and LVL3, all in Chicago, IL among others. In 2017 she was selected to attend the ACRE Residency in Steuben, Wisconsin. Her work is in several private and corporate collections throughout the US.

RULE Gallery has exhibited contemporary abstract and conceptual works, including paintings, sculpture, photography, and works on paper, by both established and emerging artists since 1991. The gallery has locations in Denver, Colorado, and Marfa, Texas. For more information, visit www.rulegallery.com.