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HVW8 Gallery and adidas Originals present:

BEIRUT YOUTH –
GOGY ESPARZA & JEY PERIE

Opening: Friday, July 5, 6-10 pm

Show: July 6 – August 3, 2019

HVW8 Gallery Berlin presents *Beirut Youth* – an immersive, multimedia installation of Jey Perie and Gogy Esparza's experiences while in Beirut, Lebanon.

The duo arrived in August 2016, with little more than a tentative plan to recount the lives of the city's youth, from the affluent to the disenfranchised. Honest, raw, sensitive; the exhibition crystallizes the emotion they felt there, and in its people. The beauty and blood of its pulse, the pain and fruits of its history. Though war-torn and fractured, the juxtaposition of such diversity in cultures, religions and opinions breed its chaos, seductively, beautifully, the way only a Beruti enchantress could.

Esparza photographed these images exclusively on 35mm film in August 2016, and on a second trip in March 2017 (over a total of 20 days). He also shot digital video, and constructed four short films on he and Perie's experiences.

Beirut Youth has created physical extensions of the project via its photography book including all exhibition images, and a tee shirt commemorating the history and culture of the City. 50% of proceeds from these sales will be donated directly to Shatila Refugee Camp's CYC Youth Center in Southern Beirut. Initially set-up in 1949 for displaced Palestinians, the camp is also home for over 6,000 Syrian Refugees since the start of the 2011 Syrian Civil War. Donations will go towards providing CYC's children with educational materials, stationary, uniforms and sneakers for the center's youth football program. You can also donate directly through the GoFundMe link found on the site: www.beirutyouth.com

After premiering the exhibition in New York City on June 2017, *Beirut Youth* has also exhibited in Dubai, Tokyo and Los Angeles. The duo hand delivered donations to CYC in Shatila summer 2018, and closed out with the home-coming installation in Beirut.



Gogy Esparza
SMILE, 2017
Archival C-Print
12h x 16w in
30.48h x 40.64w cm

GOGY ESPARZA

(b. 1987) is a New York City-based artist who concentrates in fine art, photography, and video. His project, *El Vacío* (2012-13) featured a photography book published by Dashwood Books, and accompanying exhibitions with *Comme Des Garçons* in Berlin and the Wayward Gallery in London. Esparza has also exhibited at Test Gallery (Copenhagen), SO Gallery (Tokyo), NO ROMANCE Gallery (NYC), Know-Wave Gallery (NYC), AUTO BODY (NYC/MIAMI). Esparza has collaborated with brands such as Supreme, and his work has been featured in publications such as ARTFORUM, Purple Diary, Interview, Richardson Magazine, VICE Creators Project, i-D, Dazed, Ollie, and Hypebeast.

JEY PERIE

Born in the south of France in 1984, Jey has lived in Barcelona, Hong Kong and Tokyo for extended periods and now resides in New York. His network of friends and partners sprawl far and wide, with roots in all corners of culture.

Perie's passion for travel and the exchange of cultures is what drives his curiosity. As the Creative Director of Kinfolk, he uses his travel to influence and guide his work. He also consults for several Japanese labels including Bedwin & The Heartbreakers, and has helped expand the brand's presence outside of Japan with global collaborations such as Converse, adidas originals and Stussy.

Perie currently directs The Kinfolk Store and their in-house label. Over the last decade Jey Perie has been credited for introducing several cult Japanese labels to the US market and also for his work around soccer and the sport's relationship with Fashion. To that regard, he is currently working alongside soccer institution FC Barcelona, Nike, Adidas and Stone Island to promote soccer culture in the US.

Gogy Esparza
PAMMY, 2017
Archival C-Print
12h x 16w in
30.48h x 40.64w cm





Gogy Esparza
DUSK, 2017
 Archival C-Print
 12h x 16w in
 30.48h x 40.64w cm

HVW8 Gallery Berlin was established in 2014 by HVW8 Gallery co-founders Tyler Gibney and Addison Liu. HVW8 Gallery was founded in 2006 in Los Angeles with a focus on supporting fine art and avant- garde graphic design. HVW8 fosters artistic visions at the intersection of art, music and design, and collaborates with an international community of artists. Emerging and established artists such as Brian Lotti, Jean Jullien, Cody Hudson, Jerry Hsu, Jean André, Atiba Jefferson, Brian Roettinger and Haw-lin Services have exhibited their works in Berlin at HVW8.

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