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MINT ANNOUNCES *GRUESOME GRIN*

Atlanta, Georgia – MINT is pleased to present *Gruesome Grin*, an exhibition of works from Leap Year artist Alex C. Kerr, opening August 18th and on view through September 22nd. There will be an opening reception for the exhibit on August 18th from 7pm-10pm.

Death often creates a void for those who are left behind. Existence with this void and the grief that surrounds it can lead to a personal restructuring where in which we return to our lives transformed by loss. *Gruesome Grin* examines how memorial objects become stand-ins for the deceased and act as reference points for grief and memory. The objects presented in *Gruesome Grin* are a transformation of traditional funerary objects and reflect the reconstruction we experience returning to life after a death.



Alex C. Kerr is originally from Norfolk, VA, and lives and works in Atlanta, GA. He received his BFA from Georgia State University in 2015. His work examines notions surrounding status, power and excess in popular culture. He has participated in exhibitions at the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center (Atlanta, GA), The Mason Scharfenstein Museum of Art (Demorest, GA) and The Blue House (Dayton, OH).

Kerr is one of five 2018 Leap Year Artists. Leap Year, a residency program facilitated by MINT, supports emerging artists through studio space, mentorship, a stipend, and opportunities for public art and community service. This exhibition is the culmination of Kerr's six months in his Leap Year studio at the Goat Farm Arts Center. Other artists in the 2018 cycle are Angela Davis Johnson, Steve Morrison, Crystal Desai, and Hasani Sahlehe.

MINT believes that art brings the world to life. In this spirit, we serve artists and arts enthusiasts through our residency program, exhibitions, community partnerships, and other outreach. We invite risk taking, encourage curiosity, and advance brilliant and challenging work.

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