

Justin H. Long

Float Soak Sink, 2016

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IRL is pleased to present Float Soak Sink, an exhibition of new work by Miami-based artist Justin H. Long. Known for his investigations into nautical history, research-based practice and interest in kinetic sculpture, Float Soak Sink is a multi-faceted body of work interrelated in its concern with three material states of being, problematizing their metaphysical, practical and philosophical considerations of endlessness.

In the nautical world, sinking, soaking and floating are the critical factors by which success and failure are determined. Yet, the materiality of them betrays these concepts, Styrofoam, a material that is intended to be disposable lasts for thousands of years, floats. As in the writing of contemporary French theorist Didier Maleuvre, *The Horizon, a History of our Infinite Longing* (2011), the horizon line speaks to the endless drive of man, the edge of the unknown as this always unattainable siren call. This limitlessness, both an eternal force in human existence and an existential conundrum, does not cease to compel and dooms those who seek it.

Justin H. Long received his MFA from the California Institute of the Arts and his BFA from Florida International University. In 2010, Long was the recipient of the Residency of the America's at Fonderie Darling in Montreal and has recently exhibited in New York, Copenhagen, Los Angeles, Philadelphia (The Fabric Workshop and Museum), Washington D.C. (American University Museum) and Miami (The De La Cruz Collection). His comedic video, *In Search of Miercoles*, won the Optic Nerve XII competition at the Museum of Contemporary Art in North Miami, where it is part of the permanent collection. Long is a Professor at the New World School of the Arts and co-proprietor of Long's Motorcycle Sales on the Miami River.

IRL (formerly known as Jenielift) is an artist run contemporary art institution run by artists Eddie Negron and Marla Rosen.

IRL is located at 8395 NE 2nd Ave Miami, FL 33138 between Mindy Solomon Gallery and Versace Versace Versace. The exhibition will be open by appointment from March 26th through May 15th. To make an appointment or for any further questions contact info@irl.institute or call 954-937-2610.