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**Over the Influence Presents Mark Nixon's Solo Exhibition**

***MuchLoved***



Mark Nixon, *Aisling Hurley-Pink Teddy*, 2013 / Printed 2020

Archival pigment print on Hahnemuhle Photo Rag Pearl, 130 x 70 cm 51 1/8 x 27 1/2 in, Edition 3 + 2 AP

Courtesy of the Artist and Over the Influence

**Exhibition dates:** 28 May – 2 July 2020 (Tuesday – Saturday, 11 AM – 7 PM)

**Address:** Over the Influence, 1/F, 159 Hollywood Road, Central, Hong Kong

22 April, 2020, Hong Kong - Over the Influence is pleased to announce the first solo exhibition of Mark Nixon in Hong Kong, *MuchLoved*. The selection of 14 photographs from the series includes the famed teddy from the TV show “Mr Bean” along with a stuffed bear that belonged to a close friend of the musician Bono. Each photograph is accompanied by a descriptive paragraph sharing the story of the stuffed animal and their owner. *MuchLoved* will be on view from 22 May – 27 June 2020 from Tuesday – Saturday during the hours of 11 AM – 7 PM. In lieu of an opening reception the gallery will be open all day on Thursday 21 May 2020 from 11 AM – 7 PM.



*When everything was unknown, they were there.*

*Where anything could happen, they were there.*

*These repositories of hugs, of fears, of hopes, of tears, of snots and smears.*

*Alone at night, they were the comforters, when monsters lurked in darkened corners, when raised voices muffled through floors and walls.*

*These silent witnesses, these constant companions, defenders of innocence.*

*Their touch, yes, but their smell, that instantly calming, all embalming musk, unique to each, soothing and smoothing the journey from consciousness to un, from purity to im, from infancy to adult-terre.*

*Sworn to secrecy, unconditionally there, unjudgementally fair and almost always a bear.*

- Mark Nixon

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### **Media Inquiry:**

For high-res images and interview with **Mark Nixon** and/or **Julliana Choi, Director of Over the Influence**, please contact:

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### **Notes to editors:**

#### **About Mark Nixon**

Award-winning Dublin-based portrait photographer Mark Nixon first bought a camera in 1995 to try and relieve a severe case of writer's block. What followed was an unexpected professional career in photography.

Born and raised in Belfast North Ireland, Mark Nixon started out as an aspiring singer songwriter. He lives and works in Dublin, Ireland.



*Much Loved* has been exhibited as solo shows and as part of group shows in Dublin, France, and the United States: *Teddy Bear Story*, A V&A Museum of Childhood. The Ark, Dublin 2014; *Much Loved*, Elemental Arts Festival, Limerick 2014; Hello Kitty Museum Exhibition at the Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA 2015; *Sweet n Low*, *International Show of Cute*, Bedford Gallery, CA, USA 2017; *Métamorphoses, ou que faire de son enfance*, Besancon, France 2017; and at Novotel, Lyon Confluence, France 2018.

### **About Over the Influence**

Over the Influence was founded in Hong Kong in 2015 and expanded to Los Angeles in 2018. The gallery represents an international roster of emerging and established artists working across different mediums and disciplines. OTI is dedicated to championing artists who challenge traditional approaches to studio practice and presents a dynamic program that explores the intersection of contemporary art, architecture, design, music, fashion and other forms of visual expression.

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Opening Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 11 AM – 7 PM

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