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Welcome to The Salon



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ABOUT THE BOOK

Tonal Editions is pleased to announce the release of its inaugural publication, *Welcome to The Salon*.

Welcome to The Salon is a compilation of photographic works made during the year 2021 from The Salon, a collective of nine image makers led by and including the artist Janelle Lynch. While diverse in their backgrounds, chosen media, and respective creative inquiries—from notions about perception and the metaphysical in nature to family history and the cycle of life—the members share an ethos of artistic integrity, discipline, and intellectual vigor. All artists were students of Lynch's during the last decade at the International Center of Photography in New York City. They include Irina Chalet, Anastasia Davis, Pamela Fox, Lee Isles, Chloe Jones, Tom Klem, Andrew Rizzardi, and Michael Wilson.

In her essay for the publication, Lynch offers historical context for The Salon, which was born in her Long Island City Studio in 2015 and relaunched virtually in 2021 during the pandemic. She writes, "The roots of the salon as a gathering place for social and intellectual exchange...reach back to Renaissance Rome. They spread from Italy to France and then throughout Europe, and were hosted by prominent, educated

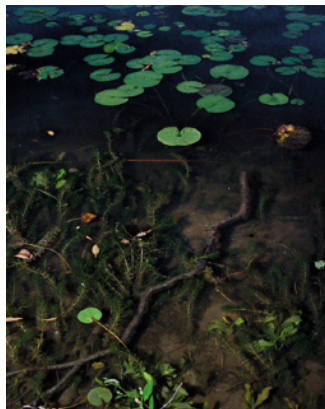


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women—salonnières—in private homes. Like The Salon today, they were curated evenings of art and literature with the intention to learn from, speak with, and listen to fellow participants.”

The Salon meets weekly for discussion about the creative process, literary texts, cultural references, and for constructive feedback about their images. Guest artists are invited to present their work once per month. The ideas and aesthetic values shared in The Salon have had enduring implications. As a result of sustained camaraderie and critical dialogue, the artists’ practices have evolved and a coherence in their work has, unexpectedly, emerged as evidenced—and celebrated—in *Welcome to The Salon*.



ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Irina Chaiet was born in Russia and has a background in graphic design. She is currently pursuing an MFA in Photography from the University of Hartford and lives in Upstate New York.

Anastasia Davis was born in Ukraine and grew up in Israel and the United States. She has a background in psychology, is currently pursuing an MFA in Photography from the University of Hartford, and lives in New Haven, Connecticut.

Pamela Fox has a background in law and lives in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Lee Isles has a background in fine art and technology and lives in southwestern Vermont.

Chloe Jones has a background in art history and is currently pursuing an MFA from the University of Hartford. She lives in Brooklyn, New York and Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Tom Klem has a background in sculpture and magic history. He lives in New York City.

Janelle Lynch leads The Salon. She is represented by Flowers Gallery and has three monographs by Radius Books: *Los Jardines de México*; *Barcelona*; and *Another Way of Looking at Love*. In 2019, her series *Another Way of Looking at Love* was shortlisted for the Prix Pictet. In 2023, the documentary short film, *Janelle Lynch: Endless Forms Most Beautiful*, premiered at her solo exhibition at Flowers Gallery in London. She lives in New York City.



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Andrew Rizzardi has a background in visual media and communications. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Michael Wilson has a background in technology and lives in New York City and Montana.

ABOUT THE PUBLICATION

Welcome to The Salon is available for pre-order online (\$65) and will ship August 30, 2023. Limited Editions of *Welcome to The Salon*, which include signed prints, will be available for order in September.

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ABOUT THE BOOK LAUNCH AND POP-UP EXHIBITION

A book launch at [Launch Photo Books](#) and a pop-up exhibition opening reception of published and more recent works from *The Salon* will be held at [Foley Gallery](#) on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 5-9 pm at Launch Photo Books / Foley Gallery, 59 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002.

The exhibition will run through September 17, 2023. For press inquires about *Welcome to The Salon* contact Lee Isles at lee@tonaleditions.com. For inquires about the event contact Janelle Lynch at info@janellelynch.net.