

Country Come to Town
Curated by Courtney Childress
Oct 8th - Nov 14th 2021

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OPENING RECEPTION: Saturday, October 9, 2021, 4:30 –7:00pm.

Standard Space is pleased to present '***Country Come to Town***', curated by **Courtney Childress**, featuring work by **Natalie Baxter**, **Todd Bienvenu**, **Poppy DeltaDawn**, **Kady Grant**, **Michael Hambouz**, **Roxanne Jackson**, **Rebecca Morgan**, and **Deja Patterson**.

'**Country Come to Town**' is a phrase from the lips of a friend from Mississippi and is the genesis of this particular show. Someone has put on their Sunday best, and they are coming into town to have a good time and show off.

To the onlooker, it is immediately apparent that this person is not a local. There is a feral quality as if their manners aren't up to the standards of Emily Post-thumping society folks. The cadence is wrong, the colors are too bright, the shoes are too tall, there are too many rhinestones, the eye shadow is too blue, and someone might be wearing jorts. Perception and class are undeniable aspects of this sentiment; one person's best dressed is another person's tacky.



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As a southerner, I came to New York and immediately toned down my accent, wore less color, and tried to assimilate. At this moment, I want to embrace this localism and where many of us come from, letting our country-fried flag fly. For this show at Standard Space Gallery, I want to bring together a group of artists making work highlighting this attitude, whether by a direct figurative representation of these characters, abstract means, or material exploration.

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