

SPIROS MARGARIS



Fully Loaded (2001 ongoing) *an ongoing project*

Fully Loaded is an ongoing project in which I explore the strong feelings of unease, even dread, evoked by the subjects of the series. I try to jolt and surprise the viewer as I confront him with his fears and disgust and, at the same time, with the beauty of the subjects.

I also give the viewer the opportunity to stare at those things from which he typically quickly turns away, out of a subconscious fear that he might presently or in the future be drawn into the subject.

About my works

In each of my works, I am the primary material, the sole actor, as well as the historian of the performance. Each of my works consists of at least two images, identical but for the fact that I appear in the second and any subsequent images. I have always been inspired by old cinema, and for that reason, when possible, I gravitate toward producing my work in a larger-scale format that approaches the big screen of the cinema.

I include myself in the images so that I can step into, experience and explore the spaces depicted in my images myself, and then document my performance in the space through photography. All of the spaces that I photograph were created for the purpose of human use and occupation, and my entrance into the frame represents the humanization of the space and allows me to express my specific interpretation of how the space might be experienced. In each case where I appear in the work, I try to melt into the worlds I portray, but, simultaneously, the insertion of me into the space also completely alters the meaning of the image of the unoccupied space. I believe that the interpretation of the spaces that I invade changes completely through my presence. This is just as in everyday life, where the entrance of any of us into a space creates a new reality. Each new reality is different from any one that came before it as no reality can be recreated identically a second time.

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