

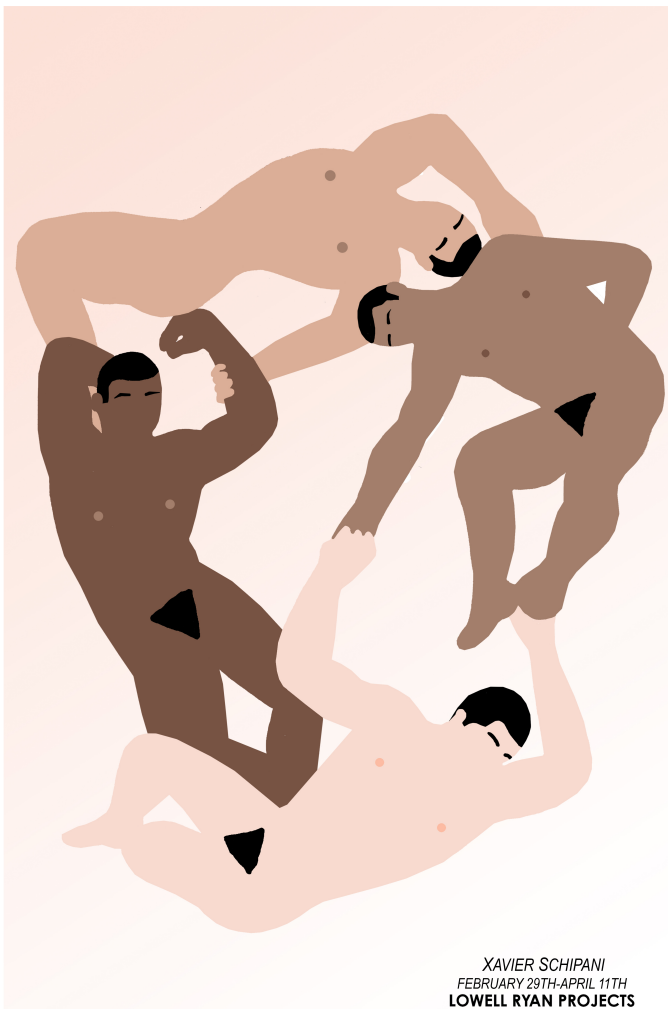
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XAVIER SCHIPANI MAKES TRANS MEN VISIBLE

February 20, 2020

The artist Xavier Schipani exhibits from February 29 to April 11, 2020 at the Lowell Ryan Projects gallery in Los Angeles, California. In the project "*They Laughed With Pleasure*" ("*They laughed with pleasure*"), it deals with the visibility trans men:



XAVIER SCHIPANI
FEBRUARY 29TH-APRIL 11TH
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“My work shows bodies that look like mine, enjoying the simple pleasures of life, evolving freely in a world where nothing holds them back. ”

The artist expresses his intentions:

““ *They Laughed With Pleasure* ”is based on the diary of a trans and homosexual man, the author Lou Sullivan, entitled “We Both Laughed in Pleasure” - “We both laughed with pleasure”. I will never forget the first time I read his work, I had the feeling of being seen, validated and alive. Lou Sullivan noted the absence of trans models and sought to be seen and understood by his writing.

This exhibition expresses joy, which is not often associated with masculinity. As most of the figures are larger than life, the scale of the canvases creates an environment that places the viewer at the level of a child. There is a loss of innocence experienced by many trans people, as we spend a lot of our life

hiding or trying to correct ourselves in order to be integrated. This can manifest as mourning, where childhood is mourned.

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I have often felt that I have missed so many opportunities, living in fear of never living a visible life. My works are inspired by these emotions, but by valuing the joy and the opportunities that I have now. My work shows bodies that look like mine, enjoying the simple pleasures of life, moving freely in a world where nothing holds them back. I create imagery to show the child that I was, to the youth of today and tomorrow that we exist. "



For more information, visit the Lowell Ryan Projects gallery website:
<https://www.lowellryanprojects.com/xavier-schipani-they-laughed-with-pleasure>