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GisMo, "Cleansings - Limpiezas" at Carol Jazzar Contemporary Art

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"Limpiezas (cleansings)," the latest exhibition by GisMo currently showing at Carols Jazzar's Contemporary Art space, seems to be perfect for this time of year with its dark brooding evenings. GisMo however, worked on their photographs during the summer in the Everglades, notorious for mosquitoes and sweltering temperatures.

What GisMos gives us is a high camp, Victorian melange of an Everglades many may not know. Only one image really has the typical feeling of "the river of grass." The images are offered as seductive visions of feral humanity and transformation.

By addressing the recent boom in gadgetry and the desire to compulsively 'connect' with disdain GisMo argue that as a species we are in fact disconnecting: Increasingly pent-up under electric light in concrete bunkers, and afraid, we have become disparate: not only from each other, but also from Nature.

Certainly not camouflaged in the environment, GisMo seems more than relaxed and very much at home in nature. However their "costumes" may strike the viewer, their vision of that cleansed world is a unique one. [Marjory Stoneman Douglas](#) noted Defender of the Everglades although, of another time and place, still finds her sentiment in this body of work. The ethereal images are wrought with melancholy and one hopes the vision they see is a brighter one.

Having graduated with Bachelors of Fine Arts in photography in 2006 from Florida International University, Jessica Gispert and Cristal Pearl Molinary (GisMo) have worked and exhibited together since 2005.

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