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"ARCADIA"

Fourteen artists, including the photographers Justine Kurland, Joel Sternfeld, Elger Esser, Gonzalo Puch, and David Hilliard, explore the impulse to go back to the garden, for better or for worse. While Sternfeld's colorfully dressed picnickers at a Maypole in Tennessee appear to be enjoying a perfect countryside idyll, Kurland's gaggle of naked women and children, gathered in the clearing of a dense pine forest, seem to have discovered that Eden is not always so hospitable. Esser, Puch, and Hilliard delve into the teeming nexus of nature and artifice. And, with sly understatement, Jeff Whetstone brings the snake to the party in his overhead shot of two boys at a swimming hole. Through Aug. 25. (Richardson, 535 W. 22nd St. 646-230-9610.)