BLACK BOX PROJECTS

JONI STERNBACH

In 1839, the very first portrait photograph was captured of (and by) Robert Cornelius. It must have been a difficult - albeit likely humorous process, as Cornelius set up his camera before hurriedly running to sit motionless in front of it, arms crossed and hair tousled. To go to such an effort demonstrates the essential connection between portraiture and photography. They've been attached to one another from the beginning. Moreover, portrait photography is more important and accessible to the public in ways Cornelius could never have imagined. But in Joni Sternbach's newest body of work "Surfboard", we see the oldest techniques of photography implemented in the capturing of a different kind of portrait.

As the title of the show suggests, "Surfboard" continues Sternbach's ongoing "Surfland" series by capturing surfing culture through the use of tintype and silver-gelatin photographs. However, unlike her previous works, there are no actual surfers in the show at all. Instead, Sternbach photographs a wide array of boards, from weathered and beaten Hobies to modern fiberglass boards. The boards act as canvases themselves, showing not only the scars of their use but also elaborately painted designs like those in #2 Lightning Bolt and #5 Skeleton.

While a surfboard in the abstract is a utilitarian item of sport and leisure, under Sternbach's careful eye and expert photographic skills, the boards take on an entirely new quality. Sternbach refers to this quality as "totemic," and they do inspire a certain reverence. Especially when clustered together on the beach, they become an altar to the ocean.

And by giving these boards the dignity that such a laborious process as tin-type prints require, Sternbach glorifies the craft itself. One can take a moment to appreciate the gently sloping curves and precise symmetry of the boards, as well as the varied decorative elements. The care and talent with which these boards were created shines through in Sternbach's work. It's fitting that the only bit of an actual human being captured in Sternbach's many portraits are two hands in #6 Hobie with Hands, clutching a board to hold it upright, as if to say "These crafted this."

-Cole Sweetwood, "Pick of the Week", Artillery, published 2 December 2020

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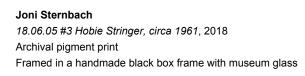
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20.09.24 # Blue Bahne, 2020

Joni Sternbach

(JST182)



Tintype
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Unique
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17 x 14 in
(JST054)

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18.06.04 #5T Brewer Trent, 2018 Tintype Framed in a handmade dark-stained walnut frame with museum glass Unique 35.6 x 27.9 cm 14 x 11 in (JST176)

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Joni Sternbach 19.02.11 #4T Joe Quigg Board, 2019 Tintype Framed in a handmade dark-stained walnut frame with museum glass Unique 35.6 x 27.9 cm 14 x 11 in (JST177)

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Joni Sternbach 17.02.08 #7 In A Barrel, 2017 Tintype Framed in a handmade dark-stained walnut frame with museum glass Unique 27.9 x 35.6 cm 11 x 14 in (JST04)

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Joni Sternbach 15.02.18 #6 Afternoon at Orella Ranch, 2015 Tintype Framed in a handmade dark-stained walnut frame with museum glass Unique 27.9 x 35.6 cm 11 x 14 in

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Joni Sternbach 20.01.28 #7 Hap Jacobs, 1965, 2020 Silver gelatin print Framed in a handmade white box frame with museum glass 35.6 x 27.9 cm 14 x 11 in Edition 1 of 8 plus 2 artist's proofs (JST173)

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Joni Sternbach 19.02.11#5 Skeleton, late 1940's, 2019 Silver Gelatin Print Framed in a handmade white box frame with museum glass 35.6 x 27.9 cm 14 x 11 in Edition 4 of 8 plus 2 artist's proofs (JST189)

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Joni Sternbach 19.02.11 #5 Redwood + Pine Plank, mid-1930's, 2018 Silver gelatin print Framed in a handmade white box frame with museum glass 35.6 x 27.9 cm 14 x 11 in Edition 2 of 8 plus 2 artist's proofs (JST168)

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Joni Sternbach 19.02.11#6 Flying V, circa 1920's, 2019 Silver Gelatin Print Framed in a handmade white box frame with museum glass 35.6 x 27.9 cm 14 x 11 in Edition 4 of 8 plus 2 artist's proofs (JST058)

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Joni Sternbach 19.02.12 #8 Easter Egg, 1957, 2019 Silver gelatin print Framed in a handmade white box frame with museum glass 35.6 x 27.9 cm 14 x 11 in Edition 2 of 8 plus 2 artist's proofs (JST155)

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Joni Sternbach 20.01.27 #2 Hollowed Out Hawaiian Plank, circa 1920's, 2020 Silver gelatin print Framed in a handmade white box frame with museum glass 35.6 x 27.9 cm 14 x 11 in Edition 2 of 8 plus 2 artist's proofs (JST066)

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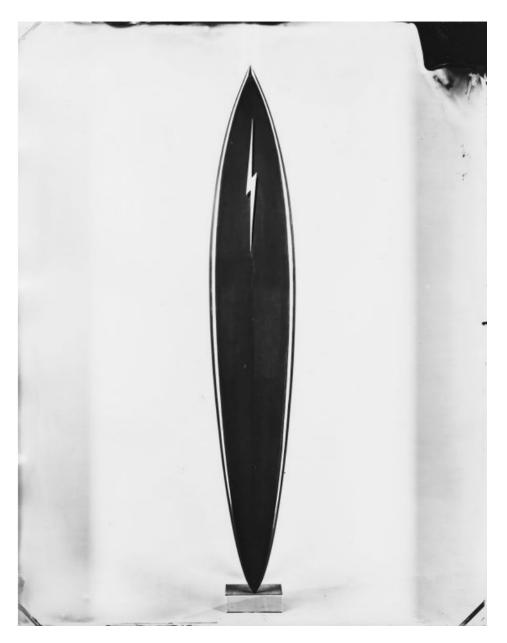
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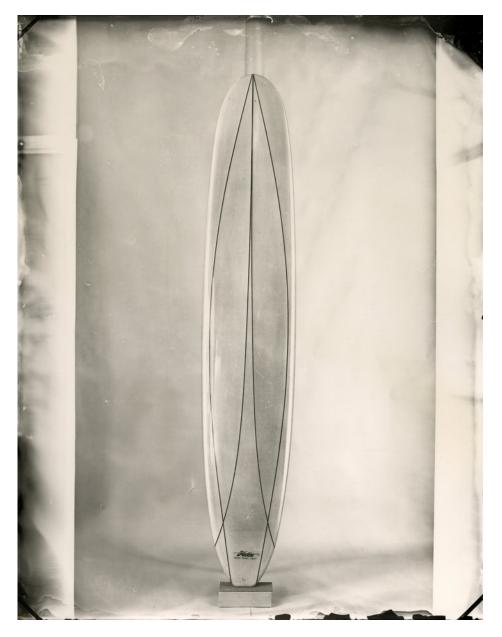
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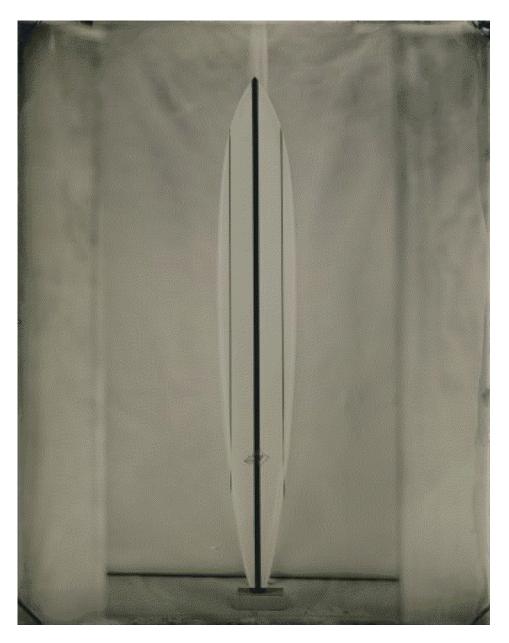
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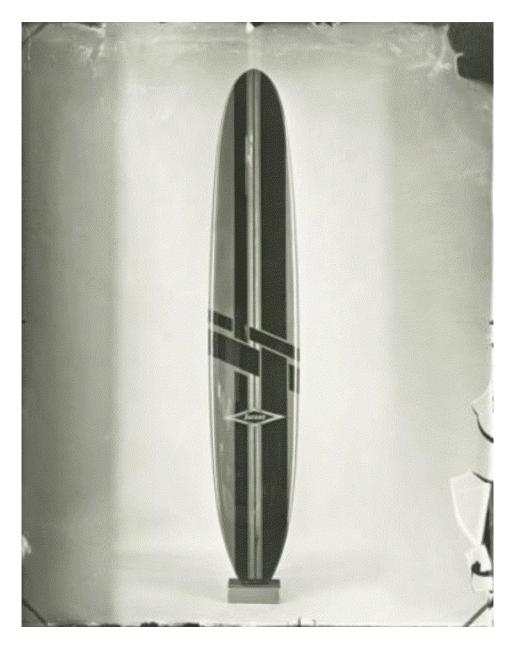
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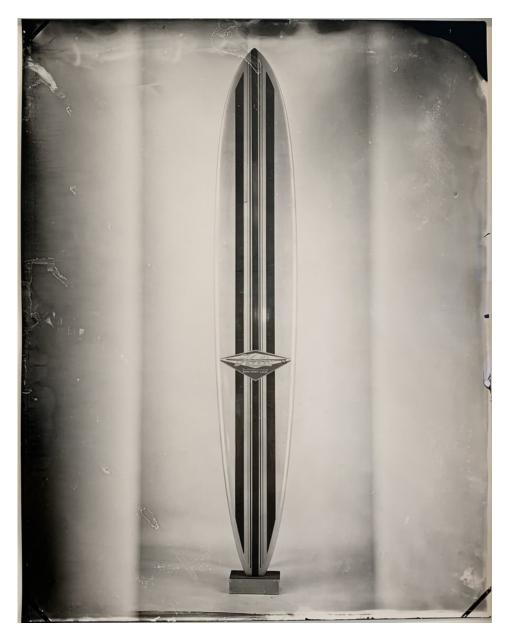




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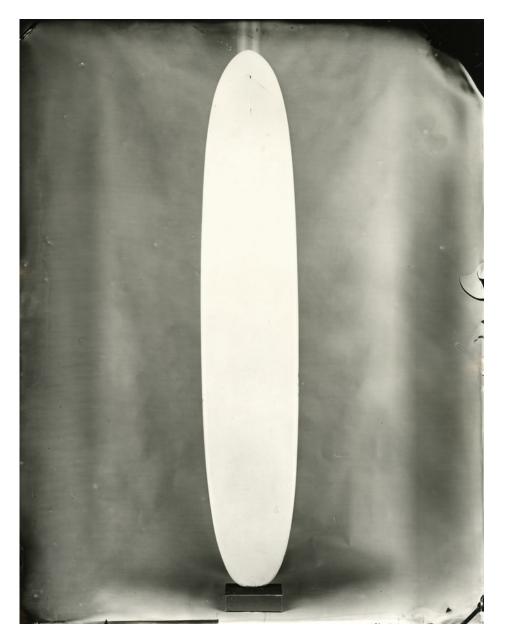




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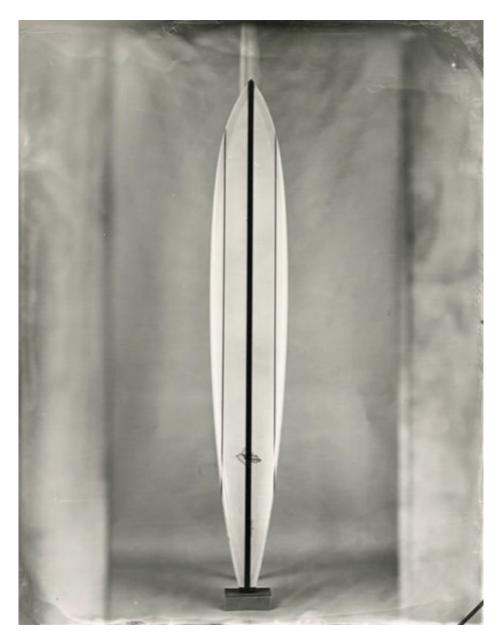




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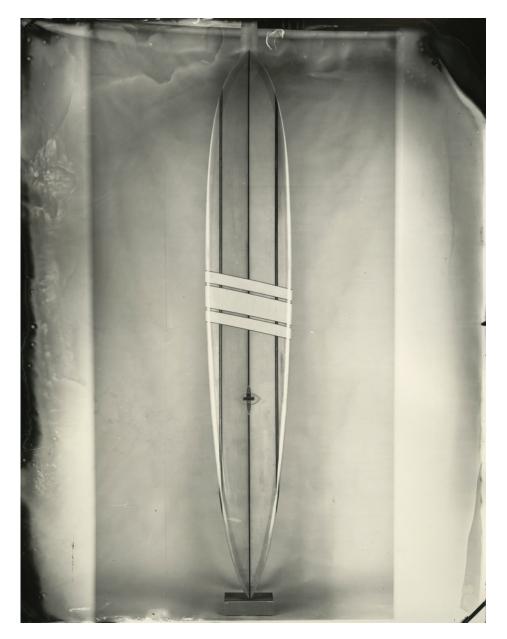
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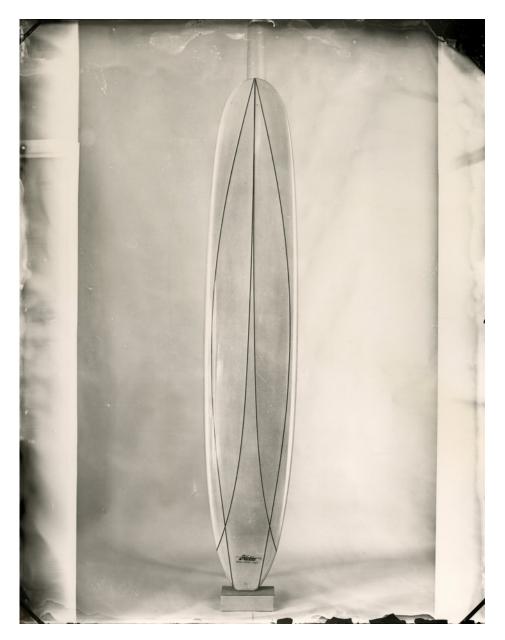
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40x50 inch, Pigment Prints, 2018 - 2020 Edition of 5 plus 2 artist proofs

Joni Sternbach / SURFBOARD

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Black Box Projects is delighted to present its first solo exhibition of photographs by Joni Sternbach in the United Kingdom, taken from her most recent series SURFBOARD.

Over the last twenty years, Sternbach has worked with large format cameras and early photographic processes to explore how we observe, relate to and interact with the earth's oceans. For her current exhibition she digs deeper, concentrating on the vessel designed for ocean voyage - the surfboard. Surfboards, through Sternbach's careful eye, are presented as remarkable examples of functional design and the SURFBOARD series tells a compelling story of a critical American art form. While surf pictures are traditionally studies of motion, by turning her camera away from the ocean and instead focusing on the utilitarian tools of the surfer, we discover an ethnographic study in stillness, portraits captured in a silvery and antiqued timelessness.

SURFBOARD is a celebration and impassioned study of some of the most important designs in surf history. These sculptural totems reflect culture and class, echoing the politics of their time. Sternbach uncovers layers of meaning, historical and cultural clashes, as well as celebrates the visual pleasure of the surfboard and its origins. Capturing the spirit of these totemic boards, Sternbach suggests a modernist sculptural presence in her surfboard portraits. Through this new body of work, Sternbach deftly draws connections between materials, objects and human experience.

SURFBOARD is presented as limited-edition silver-gelatin photographs from ultra large-format wet collodion glass negatives as well as large-scale archival pigment prints. For this exhibition we will also have a limited selection of unique tintype photographs from Sternbach's acclaimed series *Surfland*. The exhibition is accompanied by a limited-edition artist's monograph of the same title, available exclusively through Black Box Projects.

BIOGRAPHY

Joni Sternbach is a native New Yorker. She holds a BFA in Photography from the School of Visual Arts and an MA from New York University/International Center of Photography.

Sternbach uses both large format film and early photographic processes to explore the present day landscape and to make environmental portraits. Her work centers on our relationship with water, contrasting some of the most desolate deserts in the American West to iconic surf beaches around the world.

Her work is included in many public collections, with recent acquisitions from the Joslyn Art Museum, Harn Museum, MOCA, Jacksonville and National Portrait Gallery in London. She is the recipient of several grants and prizes including the Clarence John Laughlin award, NYFA and 2nd prize winner in the Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize competition 2016.

Her monograph, Surf Site Tin Type was published by Damiani Editore in March 2015.

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