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LARRY CLARK TEENAGE LUST

March 31 – May 7, 2005

Opening reception:
Thursday, March 31st
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

ClampArt is pleased to announce "Teenage Lust," an exhibition of photographs by legendary photographer, Larry Clark, from his second monograph published in 1983.

Larry Clark first made a name for himself when he revolutionized documentary photography in his classic book, *Tulsa*, released in 1971, in which he presented straightforward, autobiographical images of violence, drug use, and adolescent sexuality. While *Tulsa* earned Clark a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for use toward his next project, that work was delayed over a decade by the artist's heroin addiction and a stretch in Oklahoma's McAlester Penitentiary. Eventually, Clark completed his second and equally innovative body of work, in which he largely shifted his focus from drug culture to sexual obsession.



Larry Clark's troubled life and the fractured lives of his friends provide the backdrop for the imagery in *Teenage Lust*. The photographs range from Clark's self-portraits as a child growing up in suburban Tulsa through shots of the male street hustlers whom he met in Times Square in New York City in the early 1980s. *Teenage Lust* roughly chronicles the life of Clark and his close circle over the expanse of more than thirty years, documenting a segment of society that chose to opt out of the trappings and disappointments of the typical "American Dream."

The artworks of Clark's entire oeuvre (including the photographs from *Tulsa* and *Teenage Lust*, in addition to later films—notably *Kids*, 1995), address the challenges of adolescence in a culture that both idealizes and violently commodifies its youth. Clark's intimate and shockingly candid work influenced an entire generation of subsequent artists, including Nan Goldin and David Wojnarowicz, among many others. ClampArt's exhibition of photographs from *Teenage Lust* coincides with a long-awaited survey of the artist's work to be mounted by the International Center for Photography in New York City.

For more information and images please contact Brian Paul Clamp, Director, or see the inventory section of the gallery's website at www.clampart.com. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Image: © Larry Clark, "Untitled (from *Teenage Lust*)," 1972, Gelatin silver print, 11 x 14 inches (sheet size).