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## LAURIE SIMMONS

Perhaps it was inevitable that Simmons, who has photographed dolls, puppets, and ventriloquist's dummies, would work with the life-size—and startlingly lifelike—Japanese sex toys called Love Dolls. The eleven enormous color prints here give one pretty dark-haired doll the dream life of a privileged teen-ager: draping herself in junk jewelry, swimming, sleeping late, dressing up as a bride. In one handsomely lit image, she sprawls on the floor like Cindy Sherman in her “Centerfolds” series; in another, she sits upright inside the cardboard box she was shipped in. No matter how tantalizingly realistic, the doll remains an object, a lovely alien. Simmons’s restraint keeps her from exploring the darker aspects one might expect, but it’s still her strongest and most provocative work in years. Through March 26.

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