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This promising young photographer's pictures feel at once stagey and sincere. In one black-and-white image, a woman kneels on an open copy of a photography encyclopedia, her feet bare and her head cropped out of the frame—a coy acknowledgment of art history's tendency to objectify female bodies. Similarly cropped shots of figures—holding out a sliced cantaloupe and posing, openmouthed, under a hand squeezing a lemon—tantalizingly evoke advertising. But a video documenting the models working with Westra lacks the ambiguous tension of its still counterparts.

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