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# Dive dive dive

*French artist goes for the high dive*

**Katrine** Laval will be exhibiting her new body of work, *The Pool*, at the Crane Kalman gallery in Brighton. The first solo show in the UK from the French photographer documents a series of outdoor swimming pools and lidos around

Europe with spontaneous, playful images filled with colour and life. Unusual angles and odd cropping add to the humorous and quirky nature of the images. People caught flying through the air as they hurl themselves into the water; a mass of legs queueing

to climb the high diving board. All the photographs reflect the brightness and vivid colour of high summer; the bleached whiteness of a city centre pool in Barcelona; the azure blue sea at a lido in Cascais, Portugal.

Laval has been based in New York since 1997, alternating her time between the US and Europe.

Portraits and photo essays have appeared in a wide variety of magazines, including *The Village Voice*, *The New Yorker*, *Elle*, *Fabric*, *Dazed & Confused* and *Harpers*. Her work has also been widely exhibited in Europe and the US, including a recent solo show at the Bonni Benrubi Gallery in New York and her work featured in the book *Here is New*

*York*, published by Scalo after September 11. She was selected as one of *PDN Magazine's* top 30 photographers of 2005.

*The exhibition can be seen from the 21 March to 6 May at Crane Kalman Brighton, 38 Kensington Gardens, Brighton. Tel: 07775 927143 or visit [www.cranekalmanbrighton.com](http://www.cranekalmanbrighton.com).*

