

## “MISS AMANDA JONES”

2000 Ongoing

I always respond better to invitations to be in shows by doing a piece for the specific group show, rather than making studio work and dropping the piece in. I like taking a cue from the curator and making something that involves ideas or themes that the curator wants to address and go from there. In this case, Jimi Dams's show is entitled, "Not a Lear" and revolves around Amanda Lear, "girlfriend" of Brian Jones. So knowing Amanda Lear's history and that the idea is to make a piece that addresses her . . . I turn to my extensive library . . . 'Cause truly I'm as analog as it gets, and find a Rolling Stone Song Book given to me on Valentine's Day by two of my roommates, Alex and Natalie . . . The Song Book cover is covered with hearts cut out of construction paper, and more hearts about Valentines. . . (This cover eventually became the image of a zingmagazine Go Card/postcard—freebies in bars—and came to the attention of the Stones themselves, or their lawyers, yikes!) . . . So paging through, I find the song that Brian Jones wrote for her—Amanda Lear. That Song Book, open to that page, is the piece, the Valentine. “Miss Amanda Jones”.