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Untitled (detail), 1964
Paper on cardboard
55,8 x 49 cm
Unique piece
Signed verso: Peter Roehr



SAÂDANE AFIF

Spring (Pale Green & Flesh Tone) (detail), 2008 Wood, varnish, glue, green and flesh tone medical capsules, metal, base (found in the Galería Elba Benitez, Madrid) 71,2 x 40,5 x 7 cm Unique piece Certificate signed by the artist

Inspired by modernist sculpture, this work seems to be perverted by a simple manipulation: the addition of pharmaceutical pills, mounted like parasitic termites. The color, form and symbolism of the capsules operate in contrast to the orthogonal structure of the wooden sticks and break the distinctively modern form. The object is evocative of Concrete Art of the 1950s in form and refers to the works of Josef Albers and Max Bill in particular. The bases used here are found objects and have been previousely produced for other artists.



HANS-PETER FELDMANN

All the Clothes of a Woman (detail) 70 black and white photographs, framed each c. 10×10 cm; overall 86×118 cm

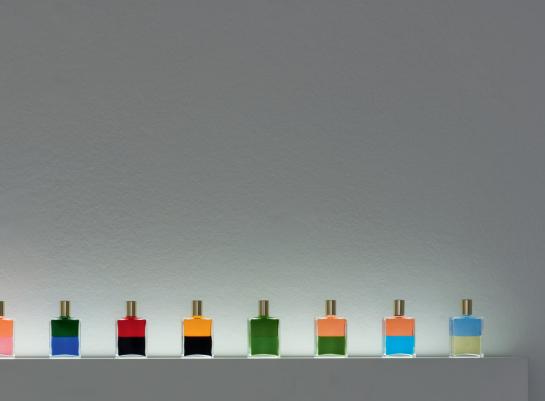
All the Clothes of a Woman shows 70 pieces of clothing that Feldmann found of a woman he met in the Seventies. He individually photographed each piece and combined them to make a visual ensemble. The work reflects the artist's fascination with women in general, but also for the intimacy of objects used in everyday life.



SYLVIE FLEURY

Color Lab - Free study with Aura Soma, 2012 Light box, Aura Soma glass bottles Light box 9,8 x 160 x 11,8 cm Glass bottles 9,2 x 4,8 cm each Overall 19 x 160 x 11,8 cm Unique piece Certificate signed by the artist





Presented like a display of different scents in a luxury boutique, Sylvie Fleury's rainbow-colored arrangement of bicolored, perfume-like bottles in *Aura Soma* are presented as a material representation of the spiritual relationship between our subtle (aura) and physical (soma) bodies on the astral plane. Originally shown at her solo exhibition at the Museum für Neue Kunst in Karlsruhe, Germany, alongside murals announcing such meditations as "The Inner Consciousness that Shines Forth is the Very Non-Dual Bliss, and the Non-Dual Bliss is the Very Inner Consciousness," Fleury's work reveals the apparent contradiction in imagining esoteric spiritual concepts as seemingly superficial fragrance displays.

MATHIEU MERCIER

Untitled, 2001-2012 Wood, styrofoam, plastic, wire 75 x 68 x 60 cm Unique piece Certificate signed by the artist

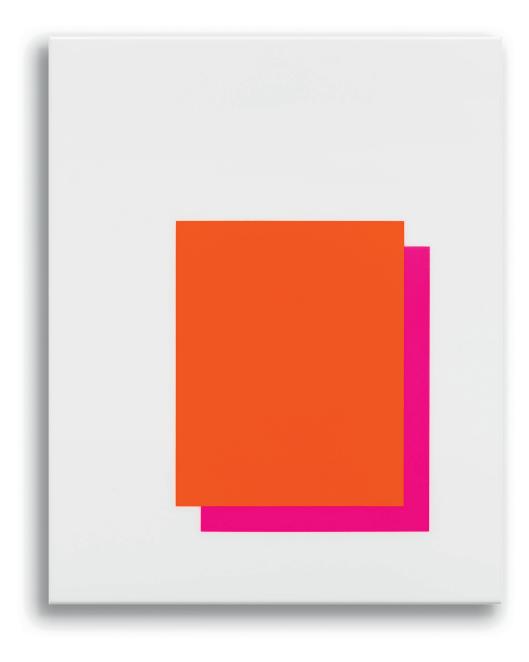
Known for visiting the hardware store and making "Do It Yourself" sculptures on the spot, Mathieu Mercier is like an Ikea hacker who knows how to turn "Malm" into "Tatlin". Made from materials such as wood, styrofoam, plastic and wire, this sculpture with avant garde and constructivist influences tangos between the primitive in form and the industrial in material.



GEROLD MILLER

set. 102, 2012 Aluminium, lacquered 39 x 31,2 x 2,5 cm Unique piece Signed verso: Gerold Miller 2012

Gerold Miller's 2012 series set. represents a shift in the work of an artist concerned with the most fundamental questions of sculpture, relief, painting, and installation. For the first time, he closes his sculpture completely to create a rectangular wall object that resembles a painting. Each piece presents an identical subject, elaborated in different combinations of high-gloss car lacquer. Where an empty space used to be in his previous series, a rectangular sheet seems to float over the surface, casting a shadow and creating a three dimensional effect. These visually concise, monochromatic fields show Miller's further development of a vibrant combination of painting and sculpture, using high-tech materials that originate in industrial production.



CHARLOTTE POSENENSKE

Series C Relief, 1967-2010 2 elements, aluminium, convexly canted, sprayed RAL matt yellow each $40 \times 40 \times 125$ cm Authorised reconstruction accompanied with a certificate signed by the estate





configurations, giving the person handling them the liberty to build their own sculpture. Contrary to conventional sculpture where the shape is prescribed by the artist, the modular system of Posenenske's objects allows multiple opportunities of presentation. The elements differ in color and shape. The Series C Relief can be presented as floor pieces or wall objects, hung horizontally or vertically.

They can be displayed indoors or outdoors.

GITTE SCHÄFER

Velu (Diskos) (detail), 2012
Fabric, plastic, wood, metal, enamel
98 x 68 x 15,5 cm
Unique piece
Certificate signed by the artist

Gitte Schäfer's accumulation sculptures are often drawn from flea markets, antique and second hand shops. Reusing found objects to create a new sculpture while keeping their primal form and function is one of Schäfer's main interest. Interactions with folk art, mythology and art history through her titles and the form she accomplishes are consistent themes in her work. In this piece an utilitarian object takes on olympic proportions, with a neologistic title and form evocative of an arm and discus. *Velu* is inspired by Lucienne Velu, the first woman to throw a discus over 30 meters in 1934.



LUCA TREVISANI

placet experiri flogisto (banana) (detail), 2012 UV ray print on aluminium and resin, framed $253.4 \times 147.4 \times 6.5$ cm Unique piece Certificate signed by the artist

Trevisani, interested in the transformation of materials through natural and chemical processes, scanned high resolution images of real objects that were placed directly on the scanner. In placet experiri flogisto (banana), he uses a high resistance printing process on rough aluminium plates. The objects he depicts are mostly of organic origin, such as bananas or parts of plants. The resulting image looks abstract and mysterious, reminiscent of rayogram images by Man Ray, which can be viewed as an influence on this series. "Placet experiri" ("it pleases to experiment") and "flogisto" (an obsolete theory of the element causing combustion) implies that it may be fun to experiment with supposedly nonexistent incendiary elements in art.



PETER ROEHR (1944-1968)

Untitled, 1965
Cardboard on cardboard
10 x 10,5 cm
Unique piece

Peter Roehr, born 1944 in Lauenburg / Pomerania, worked between 1962 and 1967 in Frankfurt on Main, where he died just before reaching his 24th birthday in 1968. Since then his art has been featured in major public and private collections. In 1972 he was included in Harald Szeemann's documenta 5. In the following years solo exhibitions of Roehr's work have been held at a number of important European museums: Van Abbemuseum Eindhoven, Kunsthalle Tübingen, Museum of Modern Art Oxford, Museum für Moderne Kunst (MMK) Frankfurt, Städel Museum Frankfurt, Haus Konstruktiv Zurich etc. His work was also included in the exhibition "Photography in German Art" held at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the Guggenheim Museum New York.

Using mostly industrially produced materials, Peter Roehr serially arranges multiples of single objects to create what he called "montages." These montages span a number of mediums, from objects and photographs to letters, texts, tones and sounds, film material, and more. "I believe that everything conceals within itself comprehensible qualities which we nevertheless seldom perceive," stated Roehr, "When we perceive a thing several times in a row, whether in time or space we notice these characteristics."



Peter Roehr (1944-1968)

Untitled, 1965
Paper in plastic, mounted on styrofoam with adhesive tape 83,2 x 87,3 cm
Unique piece
Signed verso: 123-6-65





Peter Roehr (1944-1968)

Untitled, 1966 Labels on paper laid on cardboard $88,7 \times 87,5$ cm Unique piece







Opposite page

Peter Roehr (1944-1968)

Untitled (detail), 1964
Paper on cardboard
55 x 43,8 cm
Unique piece
Signed verso: Peter Roehr

Front cover

Peter Roehr (1944-1968)

Untitled (detail), 1962
Calculating machine on paper
c. 128 x 8,8 cm
Unique piece
Signed verso: Peter Roehr, 024-3-62, 1962

Back cover

Peter Roehr (1944-1968)

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