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HAMMER PROJECTS: ENRICO DAVID

On view at the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, January 12 – May 5, 2013



Enrico David. *Untitled*, 2012. Painted bronze, stainless steel. 18 7/8 x 3 9/16 x 1 9/16 in. (48 x 9 x 4 cm). Michael Werner Gallery, New York and London.

Los Angeles—Transient figures and intangible forms dwell in the work of **Enrico David**. They retain a graphic quality as they transition from spontaneous sketches on paper to paintings, sculptures, and other media. This installation takes its cue from a singular figure modeled in bronze around a hollow animal bone and bound to a protruding blade. The statuette is like an anthropomorphic pocketknife that embodies both permanence, through its molded outlines, and ephemerality, through its gaping cavity. Around it, paper mummies crawl across the wall, haunting silhouettes peer out of canvases, and ethereal profiles delineate see-through metal screens. The infinite shifts and vortexes of David's underworld are evoked in portraits drifting towards a dark tunnel in one of his drawings, and the repetitive loops of a large handcrafted tapestry. Groundless images and vacuous gazes exude a sense of unease in the visitor, who is at once observer and participant in a staged scene. The exhibition's components recall the miscellaneous displays of regional arts and crafts museums, but they could also be props for a Surrealist set.

The exhibition is organized by Allegra Pesenti, curator, Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts.

Biography

Enrico David was born in Ancona, Italy in 1966. His work has been the subject of numerous one-person exhibitions at venues such as the New Museum, New York (2012); Museum Für Gegenwartskunst, Basel, Switzerland (2009); the Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington (2008); ICA, London, United Kingdom (2007); the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (2007); and Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom (2005). David's work has been featured in group exhibitions including *Secret Societies*, Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany and CAPC Bourdeaux, France (2011); *Turner Prize 09*, Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom (2009); *Textile Art and the Social Fabric*, Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Antwerp, Belgium (2009); *Italics: Italian Art between Tradition and Revolution 1968-2008*, Palazzo Grassi, Venice and Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago (2008); Tate Triennial, *New British Art*, Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom (2006); *Flesh at War with Enigma*, Kunsthalle Basel, Basel, Switzerland (2004); and *Dreams and Conflicts*, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy (2003). Enrico David lives in Berlin, Germany.

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HAMMER PROJECTS: DARA FRIEDMAN

On view at the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, January 19 – April 14, 2013



Dara Friedman. Stills from *Dancer*, 2011. Super 16mm film transferred to HD video, black and white, sound. 25 min. Courtesy of the artist.

Los Angeles—**Dara Friedman** explores notions of performativity, urban space, and the individual in the public sphere in her ebullient, poetic films and videos. For *Dancer* (2011), she enlisted Miami-based dancers of all stripes to dance through the city streets for the camera. Shot on 16mm black-and-white film and transferred to HD video, *Dancer* celebrates both the city and the medium of dance. With the city streets as a backdrop, dancers improvise, expressing the specificity of their styles and skills and making meaning through movement. Organized by Hammer senior curator Anne Ellegood, *Hammer Projects: Dara Friedman* is Friedman's first exhibition in Los Angeles.

Biography

Dara Friedman was born in Bad Kreuznach, Germany in 1968. She lives in Miami, Florida. Friedman's work has been the subject of one person exhibitions at venues such as Miami Art Museum, Miami, Florida (2012); Museum of Modern Art, New York (2010); The Kitchen, New York (2005); Site Santa Fe, Santa Fe (2001). Her work has been featured in thematic exhibitions internationally including *Our Darkness*, Kunstlerhaus Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany (2011); *Greater New York*, PS1, Long Island City (2010); *Off the Wall: Part 1—Thirty Performative Actions*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York and Serralves Museum, Porto, Portugal; *Playing the City*, Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany (2009); *As Heavy as the Heavens—Transformation of Gravity*, Cultural City of Europe, Graz, Austria (2003); *Videodrome II*, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York (2002); and *Whitney Biennial*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (2000).

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HAMMER PROJECTS: LATIFA ECHAKHCH

On view at the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, February 23 – July 18, 2013



Latifa Echakhch. *À chaque stencil une révolution*, 2007. Tate Modern, Bankside, London. Courtesy of the artist, kamel mennour, Paris and Galleria Francesca Kaufmann, Milan. © Latifa Echakhch.

Los Angeles—For her Hammer Project, **Latifa Echakhch** will reprise her 2007 work *À chaque stencil une révolution* (*For each stencil a revolution*) for the Hammer's lobby wall. After attaching hundreds of sheets of carbon paper to the wall, Echakhch will treat the surface with a solvent that causes the ink to run down the pages and pool on the floor. Her use of carbon paper points to an outmoded duplication technology that was central to the ability of political groups of earlier generations—such as the civil rights and anti-Vietnam War protests of the 1960s—to disseminate information and opinions. The title of the work is a quotation from the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat who was referring to the proliferation of revolutionary groups and protest movements. While the work pays homage to the uprisings of that period, it rings with melancholy: stripped of its ink, the paper is robbed of its potential to carry any message. Referring as well to both abstract expressionism and the signature blue of

Yves Klein, the work asks us to reconsider the relationship of abstract art to politics. *Hammer Projects: Latifa Echakhch* is organized by Hammer senior curator Anne Ellegood.

Biography

Latifa Echakhch was born in El Khnansa, Morocco in 1974 and lives in Martigny, Switzerland. Eponymous exhibitions of her work have been presented at Portikus, Frankfurt am Main, Germany and Kunsthaus, Zurich, Switzerland (2012); Museum Haus Esters, Kunstmuseen, Krefeld, Germany (2011); MACBA, Barcelona, Spain (2010); and Tate Modern, London, England (2008). Her work has been featured in thematic exhibitions internationally, such as *It is what it is. Or is it?*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston (2012); *ILLUMInations*, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy (2011); *21st Century: Art in the First Decade*, Queensland Art Gallery, Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia (2010); *Flow*, Studio Museum Harlem, New York (2008); and *Global Feminisms*, Brooklyn Museum, New York and Davis Museum and Cultural Center, Wellesley, Massachusetts (2007).

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