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Private Future

Curated by Michael Cline

December 9 - January 29, 2011

Opening Reception: December 9th, 6-8pm



Alexi Worth, *The Formalists*, 2008, oil on nylon mesh, 54 x 26 inches

Marc Jancou Contemporary is pleased to announce *Private Future* curated by Michael Cline. The selection of artists spans generations and geographical locations but is united through medium and a savvy dialogue with the contemporary world presented in an unconventional way. The exhibition will feature works by Ion Birch, Carter, Scott Cassidy, Thomas Chimes, Jonathan Gardner, Jess, Kurt Kauper, Justin Lieberman, Kerry James Marshall, Erik Parker, Lari Pittman, Peter Saul, Jim Shaw, Torsten Slama, Alexi Worth and Jakub Julian Ziolkowski.

Curatorial Statement:

This exhibition is to be a showcase of painting and drawing that at first blush might seem visionary, with its idiosyncratic views of social and relational norms, alternate realities, and internal logic. The work both engages and reflects contemporary life by having one foot firmly planted in 'now' and the other in the slippery past, by bridging the two with old fashioned story telling.

Many of these artists have careers out of step with art trends. They are stubbornly 'old' media and are not market driven but rather maker driven. Their art provides an alternate path to the well-trodden and traditionally linear conception of modern art. Rather than explore the branches and tender new shoots of art practice, they find sustenance and nourishment from the trunk, and more importantly the subterranean root system, where what some might call 'tradition' is found. This is not tradition with a capital 'T', this is tradition as it really is, full of perversity, distortion, religious feeling, mysticism, occultism, and sexual innuendo. In the way that something seemingly innocuous can appear strange after the scab of history and commerce have been plucked from pink flesh, these artists re-present the world as their own and refashion it to their own private means. For more information please contact Juliana Balestin at Juliana@marcjancou.com