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LUKE STETTNER

EYES THAT ARE LIKE TWO SUNS

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PRESS RELEASE

LUKE STETTNER'S FIRST SOLO SHOW IN NEW YORK, *EYES THAT ARE LIKE TWO SUNS*, IS A MEDITATION ON IMPRESSIONS OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF MEMORY. THE EXHIBITION PORTRAYS CHANCE AND MEMORY TO BE CALCULABLE PHENOMENA.

USING ORDINARY MATERIALS SUCH AS FOAM, WOOD, DUST, AND PAPER, STETTNER MAKES A SERIES OF WORKS THAT ARE DISCREET, CAREFULLY AVOIDING ALL NOTES OF SENTIMENTALITY AND ENGAGING A FORMAL SIMPLICITY PAIRED WITH INTIMATELY CHARGED CONTENT. HIS PIECE *AN IMMUTABLE LAW THAT NO ONE CAN COUNT ON* PHYSICALLY DEMONSTRATES THE THIRTY-SIX PERMUTATIONS OF TWO DICE. THE SIMPLICITY OF THE PAIRINGS OF HAND CARVED WOODEN DICE CONTRASTS WITH THE IDEA OF DICE AS ICONS OF CHANCE.

IN *THREE IDENTICAL CUBES*, A PAIR OF LITHE HANDS WORK AT A MEASURED PACE ACROSS THREE VIDEO SCREENS TO CONSTRUCT EQUIVALENT ORIGAMI CUBES USING SEPARATE FOLDING STRATEGIES. THE ABILITY TO ARRIVE AT THE SAME EXACT RESULT USING THREE DIFFERENT PATHS PARALLELS THE ARTIST'S ALL-CONSUMING AND CONSTANT REINTERPRETATION OF EVENTS WITHIN HIS OWN PERSONAL HISTORY.

STETTNER ALSO REDUCES AN OBJECT TO ITS MOST BARE, PARTICLE LEVEL, DESTROYING ITS STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY IN THE PROCESS. IN *THE GREY ASH SOFT* STETTNER GROUND DOWN HIS FATHER'S MARBLE FUNERARY URN TO DUST, TURNING THE CONTAINER ITSELF INTO A FORM OF BODILY REMAINS.

BORN IN NEW JERSEY IN 1979, LUKE STETTNER CURRENTLY LIVES AND WORKS IN BROOKLYN, NY. HE RECEIVED HIS BFA IN PHOTOGRAPHY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA AND HIS MFA FROM THE SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS IN NEW YORK. STETTNER'S WORK WAS INCLUDED IN A TWO-PERSON EXHIBITION AT KATE WERBLE GALLERY IN 2009. IN SEPTEMBER 2010, STETTNER HAD HIS FIRST SOLO SHOW, "THE FOLD," AT STENE PROJECTS IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN. HIS WORK WAS ALSO FEATURED IN 2010 IN PRESENT/FUTURE, ARTISSIMA IN TURIN, ITALY.

LUKE STETTNER: EYES THAT ARE LIKE TWO SUNS IS ON VIEW FROM SEPTEMBER 10 - OCTOBER 15. GALLERY HOURS ARE TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY FROM 11 AM UNTIL 6 PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL IMAGES, PLEASE CALL (212) 352-9700, OR EMAIL [INFO@KATEWERBLEGALLERY.COM](mailto:info@katewerblegallery.com).

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