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NUDE in Chicago

30 Artists Undress the Figure

Opens Nov. 5 - Selected works at SOFA CHICAGO - Performance Nov. 6

CHICAGO – NUDE in Chicago is a curated group exhibition of ceramic sculpture, photography, and drawing from 30 established and emerging artists who challenge the "canon". By interpreting the historic use of nude figural imagery in sculptures and paintings, each contemporary artist demonstrates burgeoning mastery of their chosen medium, skillfully conveying 'art history reversals' and 're-contextualization' of stereotypical imagery. Resulting works explore contemporary perspectives on male and female gender roles, the role of the nude in beauty, seduction, apparition, aberration, perfection, amusement, entertainment, fantasy and commodity.

History of the Exhibition

NUDE in Chicago revisits a theme from Perimeter Gallery where Karen Johnson Boyd curated the group survey exhibitions *NUDE in Clay* in 1995 and 1998. The 2010 **NUDE in Chicago** survey, curated by Leslie Ferrin of Ferrin Gallery and Frank Paluch of Perimeter Gallery, includes works by many of the *NUDE in Clay* ceramic sculptors, and provides an opportunity for a new group of young sculptors to address the theme. This show also expands the survey to include works on paper and photography from gallery artists as well as 2D works produced by the sculptors.



SOFA CHICAGO, Performance, Dates

NUDE in Chicago opens with a reception at Perimeter Gallery on **Fri., Nov. 5, from 6 – 8 p.m.** and continues through Dec. 30, 2010. Selected works will be presented at SOFA CHICAGO, the 17th Annual International Expositions of Sculpture Objects and Functional Art, in booths 920 & 1021, Nov. 5 - 7, in Festival Hall at Navy Pier. Additionally Chicago artist Dana Major Kanovitz will create an audience interactive performance sculpture on the exposition floor at SOFA, Sat., Nov. 6, at 1 p.m.

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Artists

Chris Antemann, Christie Brown, Jessica Calderwood, Lucien Clergue, Cynthia Consentino, Stephen Dickson, Edward Eberle, Lucy Feller, Verne Funk, Kelly Garrett Rathbone, Joseph Glasgow, Gerit Grimm, Bridget Harper, Molly Hatch, Margaret Israel, Sergei Isupov, Rockwell Kent, Myungjin Kim, Earle Kirkam, Dana Major Kanovitz, Beverly Mayeri, Carla Potter, Seth Rainville, Robert Rose, Mara Superior, Akio Takamori, Shannon Trudell, Patti Warashina, Kurt Weiser, Red Weldon Sandlin

Gallery Information

Ferrin Gallery (Pittsfield, MA), established in 1979, is one of the nation's premier ceramic art and sculpture galleries. In addition to representing established nationally known sculptors using ceramics, the gallery actively seeks out emerging artists from MFA and artist residency programs throughout the country. These works are presented at the gallery, art fairs and through partnerships with museums, not for profit venues and galleries in major cities.

Perimeter Gallery has been located in the heart of Chicago's River North Gallery District for 28 years. The Gallery features contemporary Painting, Sculpture and works on paper by mid-career and emerging artists as well as master works in Ceramic and Fiber Arts.

Info In Brief:

NUDE in Chicago, curated by Leslie Ferrin and Frank Paluch
Nov. 5 – Dec. 30, 2010, free, Tues. – Sat., 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Perimeter Gallery, 210 W. Superior St., Chicago, IL 60654

SOFA CHICAGO, Nov. 5 – 7, booths 920 (Ferrin) and 1021 (Perimeter)

Select works from NUDE in Chicago will be presented at SOFA CHICAGO. The interactive performance by Dana Major Kanovitz happens on Sat., Nov. 6, 2010 at 1 p.m. in booth 920 in Festival Hall at Navy Pier. www.sofaexpo.com for show hours/tickets.

*image on page 1 *One Hundred Monkey Theorem, a.k.a., I Love Rock and Roll* by Kelly Garrett Rathbone, ceramic, 2010

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