

front image: Catalina Ouyang, elegy for Marco (Pedestals), 2016.

Let Me Be an Object that Screams **Curated by Matt Morris**

September 8-October 21, 2017

Artists: Terry Adkins | Nayland Blake | Anna Campbell | Nona Faustine Jeff Gibson | Jennifer Chen-su Huana | Thomas Huston E. Jane | Arnold J. Kemp | Isabelle McGuire | Catalina Ouyang Puppies Puppies | Oli Rodriguez and Jovecio de la Paz Leonard Suryajaya

Let Me Be an Object that Screams brings together a range of works by contemporary artists in order to test psychoanalytic concepts of 'subject-hood' and the ways a subject's counterpart, the 'object,' has been animated by artistic and exhibition practices. Informed by psychoanalytic theory, the exhibition looks beyond the strictures and symptoms of a present-day oppressive society for yet unexplored psychological and political possibilities in and through objecthood. In so doing, the exhibition comprises three sections: one in which the content of psychoanalytic 'object relations theories' are reconsidered; a second that fantasizes the erotic possibilities of preferring to be an object; and finally a group of artists whose works question the object's function within exhibition design, supported by more recent philosophical developments of 'thing-theory' and 'object-oriented ontologies.'

Related Programs:

Opening Reception Friday, September 8 5-8pm

Curator's Tour with Matt Morris Saturday, September 16 2pm

Conversation with Das Janssen and Oli Rodriguez Thursday, September 21 6pm

Screening: Thinging Bodies, curated by Danny Giles Thursday, October 5 6pm



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