



PRESS RELEASE

Handpicked !

Locuslux Gallery in Brussels is pleased to announce Handpicked !, a group exhibition by Eelco Brand, Tim Breukers, Sebastien Marcq and Anton Cotteleer.

July 9 – August 16, 2009

Vernissage Thursday July 9, 18-21h

Handpicked ! is a new initiative to show work from a select group of young artists. To a large extent, these artists are self-selected. The quality of their work is derived from a driven, maniacal attitude combined with superior technical skills. They excel and hence challenge the viewer.

Curator Loek Grootjans handpicked new works by Belgium artists Anton Cotteleer and Sebastien Marcq and Dutch artists Eelco Brand and Tim Breukers.

The exhibition will open with a reception on Thursday, July 9, 2009 from 18-21h and will be on view until August 16, 2009.

Eelco Brand

Eelco Brand (NL, 1969). Brand's work is in the tradition of painting; aimed to depict the sublime. However, for Brand, painting does not provide the possibility today's software technology can offer; namely that of designing highly controlled, staged images of nature and living environment. The result is of a perfection that is hard to grasp. Sublime non plus ultra.

Sebastien Marcq

Sebastien Marcq (B, 1971) was chosen for his unique skill to portray urban scenes through black & white photography. Human interventions leave traces behind but human presence is absent or reduced to a bare minimum. Marcq's images are never changed nor altered; they are instant and pure reflections prompting the viewer to develop a context. The series on show derive from his current residency in Tokyo and are a continuum to the 'Ab Ovo'-series.



Anton Cotteleer

Anton Cotteleer (B, 1974) was chosen for his unique ability to disrupt the existing relationship between household objects and the life vision to which they seemingly belong. This 'clean' world vision is somehow stained. Through the manipulations of the objects, the onlooker gains a critical perspective.

Tim Breukers

Tim Breukers (NL, 1985), recently graduated from De Nieuwe Academie (D.N.A.) in The Hague, and winner of several young talent awards and nominations, was selected for his exquisite sculptural skills. Very small porcelain sculptures encompass a whole world. A world that does not exist anymore, except as remnants: decayed and half putrefied buildings, cars that are almost fossilized. A catastrophe must have occurred, a war, a tsunami, a nuclear disaster.

With 'Handpicked !', Locuslux Gallery starts a new element in its artistic program.

Location of the exhibition

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Members of the press are welcome on the opening on Thursday July 9, 18-21 h, or by appointment (Marc Strijbos + 32 (0) 476 480 213)

Opening hours: Wed – Fri 2-7pm, Sat 12am-6pm, or by appointment