

Press Release

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« RELICS & CONTEMPLATION »

FEIZI Gallery is pleased to invite you at the first exhibition of a British artist Jonathan Sullam, « RELICS & CONTEMPLATION ».

Exhibition from March 4th to April 15th 2016. **Opening** Thursday March 3th 2016 from 6 pm till 9 pm in the presence of the artist.

FEW WORDS ON THE EXHIBITION:

The body of work exhibited reflects the passing of time, objects bearing witness to a civilization's ways and a sense of uselessness and self-deprivation. But in their frozen state, or as relics of the past, they also embrace a new, contemplative identity, however frail the idea of their use and purpose.

Jonathan Sullam's pieces all reveal a state of precarious equilibrium: they seek to capture the tensions preceding a fall or an ascent. Installations, sculptures and images all appear to be suspended in time and space. The artworks are often paradoxical. They appear as an oxymoron, where the material used is in blatant opposition to the purpose of the represented object.

This duality opens up scopes of interpretations ranging from organic forms in states of juxtaposition, through to their ultimate resolution as smooth, industrial, inanimate objects devoid of any trace of gesture or movement. The pieces all present a state of ambiguity as to their status and function, seeking to evoke a sense of general abandonment or desolation, conveying at the same time both strength and fragility.

FEW WORDS ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Born in 1979, in Brussels Currently lives and works in Brussels, Belgium.

Jonathan Sullam, a young artist who graduated from Slade School of fine arts in London, engages in unusual art form, both poetic and anchored in contemporary reality. His art pieces are often suspended between 2 states, in transition and sometimes in transformation. He expresses himself through fixed images, films, installations, sculptures and performances, always paying great attention to details





She gives life, 2015 145 x 60 x 50 cm– Wax, marble and synthetic fiber

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Solo exhibitions

2015 I Killed My Mom, Maison des arts de Schaerbeek, Brussels, Belgium

Prizes

2015 Marc Feullien Award, Fondation Marie-Louise Jacques belgian sculpture competition, Belgium

Selected group exhibitions

- 2016 Only Lovers, curated by Timothée Chaillou, Le cœur, Paris, France
- **2016** *Semantics of numbers,* Société d'électricité, Brussels, Belgium
- 2016 Attitudes sculpture #1, curated by Daniele Capra, Florence, Italy
- 2015 186 Louise Brussels Art Days, cur. Amandine Wittouk, 186 av. Louise, Brussels, Belgium
- 2015 Mons 2015 Fluide, Thuin, Belgium
- 2015 Collection province de Liège, Belgian ambassador's house, Den Haag, Netherlands
- 2015 Pierre, papier... Lino, Galerie Quai 4, Liège, Belgium
- 2014 Steve Reich project, different trains & WTC 9/11, Brigittines Theater, Brussels, Belgium
- 2014 Biennale de Jehay, Liège, Belgium
- 2014 Bologna Art Fair, Boccanera Gallery, Bologna, Italy
- 2013 Verona Art Fair, Boccanera Gallery, Verona, Italy
- 2013 Blumm Prize, International Art Prize, Brussels, Belgium
- 2013 Big Bang, Boccanera Gallery, Trento, Italy
- 2013 *Popposition,* le Brass, Brussels, Belgium
- 2013 Not a group show, ArteContemporanea gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2012 We do not remimber the berlin wall, Brussels, Belgium Do it, cultural house of Namur, Namur, Belgium
- 2011 Capsule Project, Kibla Platform, Maribor, Slovenia Onze, Exit11 Gallery, Grand Leez, Belgium
- 2010 Capsule Project, Musée d'art Moderne and 9-bis, Saint-Etienne, France Borderline, MAAC, Brussels, Belgium
- 2006 FILM, Centre culturel FIDEC, Huy, Belgium
- 2006 The wonderful fund collection, Pallant house Gallery, Chichester, United-Kingdom
- 2005 The wonderful fund collection, Musée de Marrakech, Marrakesh, Maroc
- 2005 Les soeurs Jacques unseen by the gardener, London, United-Kingdom

Residencies

- 2011 Dam' Gorgeous, Mobile Institute Organhaus Art Platform, Chongqing, China
- 2009 Mobile Institu, Mexico by Mobile Institute TEP, Monterrey, Mexico

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<u>On the top</u> : *In the dark*, 2012 Wood, polyester, resin et black paint, 190 x 80 x 12 cm

Above: David, 2014 Black structure and neons 200 x 200 x 34 cm

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