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curated by Sarah McCrory

18th April – 24th May

X or You'd Get Less For Murder (and other Dad jokes) or Anniversary Bells

This exhibition hosts a series of responses to Herald St being a decade in existence and includes all 22 artists. This initially carefully curated show has mutated into a show as diverse as the voices the gallery represents.

The exhibition is united in the inconsistencies of the artists' approaches. It's chaotic, somewhat overhung, and yet celebratory in nature. It's self-referential, entertains occasional in-jokes and some tenuous connections, yet it draws together the work of artists who have been part of Herald St since 2005, and as recent as last year.

The exhibition combines numerous approaches; some artists have chosen to make subtle interventions into their work that nod towards their place in the gallery stable - Matt Connors, introduced to Herald St by Nick Relph, has chosen to incorporate the RGB colour-scheme used in Nick's film *Thre Stryppis Quhite Upon ane Blak Field*. Matt Paweski, introduced by Matt Connors has, in turn, referenced Connors' work. In a new drawing, Cary Kwok shows his special admiration for gallery artist Scott King.

The 'X' as a symbol exists in photogram works by Markus Amm, a text work by Christina Mackie, and a new drawing giving this show its title, by Donald Urquhart, alongside black paper chains, typically Donald in their dark comic wryness. Michael Dean's recent series of works expose the X-shaped armatures inside his sculptures.

Nick Relph's film *Jazz Hands* shows images from a spliced together publication made from Isa Genzken's I Love New York, Crazy City, and a Ralph Lauren catalogue he collaged together, creating a look at a European view of New York and an American view of European 'country life'. The piece builds on a fan culture at the heart of much of Relph's work, and wider cultural interests shared with Herald St gallerists Nicky and Ash.

Embracing the celebratory, Amalia Pica and Annette Kelm have hung out flags, and Klaus Weber pours one out for the occasion. Nicole Wermers' *(Untitled)* was installed for her first ever solo show in London, back when the gallery was Millers Terrace, and located in Dalston. Oliver Payne's intervention of skateboard grip tape announces a space between you and the work – placed as it would be in museums but applied in the gallery by a technician to a John Cage soundtrack. Scott King asks us to make an ideological leap between two publications, drawing a portrait of gallerists, curators, or maybe even himself in the confines of a gallery vitrine.

A gallery is a growing and shifting entity, but what unites Herald St is the strong relationships between the artists and gallerists. A gallerist-artist relationship can sometimes feel like a dysfunctional marriage. It's a long-term commitment, for better or worse. A gallery develops a name and style and in ten years Herald St has marked a course for itself in this overpopulated world. The gallery is a team, a crew, and a business, but ultimately, in all its myriad dysfunctions, it's family.

Happy 10th Anniversary.

Sarah McCrory

Christina Mackie Wordseaker Test 2005 Watercolour on paper 80 x 56 cm / 31.5 x 22 in



Nicole Wermers Untitled 2004 Paint & wood 2 parts, each 150 x 52 x 2.5 cm / 59 x 20.4 x 1 in



Markus Amm Untitled 2007 Chemogram 25.3 x 20.2 cm / 10 x 8 in



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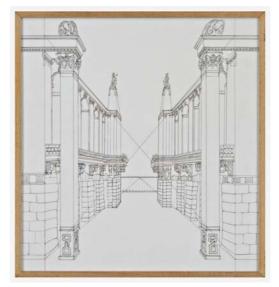




Klaus Weber Fountain Hand 2008 Glass, to 808 urethane and water Dimensions Variable



Pablo Bronstein Stage Design in the Style of Francisco Bibiena 2004 Ink on Paper 52 x 48 cm / 20.5 x 18.9 in







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Klaus Weber Cat (phantombox) 2014 Plaster cast 42 x 81 x 20 cm / 16.5 x 31.8 x 7.8 in



Matthew Darbyshire CAPTCHA No. 7 - Samson and the Lion 2014 Multiwall polycarbonate, silicone and steel armature 224 x 110 x 110 cm / 88.1 x 43.3 x 43.3 in plinth: 21 x 110 x 110 cm / 8.2 x 43.3 x 43.3 in

Amalia Pica Corner reconfiguration #1 2015 Installation with 9 framed collages (frame, paper, glue) Left: 315 x 86 cm / 124 x 33.8 in Right: 145 x 52 cm / 57 x 20.4 in





Matt Connors RGB Closed Bottom (for NR) 2015 Acrylic on plywood. 73.6 x 58.4 x 8.8 cm / 29 x 23 x 3.5 in

Matt Paweski

rivets, enamel, wax

2015

MC shelf study (Primaries with motif)

Euro beech hardwood, birch plywood, steel, copper

3 parts, each: 15.2 x 48.2 x 12.7 cm / 6 x 19 x 5 in Overall: 69 x 66 x 12.5 cm / 27.1 x 25.9 x 4.9 in







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Scott King On the Passage of a Few People Through a Rather Brief Moment in Time 2015 Wood, Perspex, Ken Knabb 'Situationist International Anthology' (Bureau of Public Secrets, 1981/2006), Shoreditch House Members Diary (2015)

121.5 x 100 x 30.5 cm / 47.8 x 39.3 x 12 in

Alexandra Bircken Herstory 2015 Concrete, metal, cotton yarn and cotton felt stuffing 31.5 x 59 x 35 cm / 12.4 x 23.2 x 13.7 in Plinth: 90.1 x 55.8 x 29 cm / 35.4 x 11.4 x 21.9 in

Annette Kelm Birthday Picture 2015 c-print, framed 45.5 x 36 cm / 18 x 14 1/4 in









Djordje Ozbolt Unfamiliar portraits 1 2015 Acrylic on canvas 61 x 46 cm / 24 x 18.1 in

Djordje Ozbolt Unfamiliar portraits 2 2015 Acrylic on canvas 61 x 46 cm / 24 x 18.1 in

Djordje Ozbolt Unfamiliar portraits 3 2015 Acrylic on canvas 61 x 46 cm / 24 x 18.1 in









Djordje Ozbolt Unfamiliar portraits 4 2015 Acrylic on canvas 61 x 46 cm / 24 x 18.1 in

Djordje Ozbolt Unfamiliar portraits 5 2015 Acrylic on canvas 61 x 46 cm / 24 x 18.1 in

Djordje Ozbolt Unfamiliar portraits 6 2015 Acrylic on canvas 61 x 46 cm / 24 x 18.1 in







Djordje Ozbolt Unfamiliar portraits 7 2015 Acrylic on canvas 61 x 46 cm / 24 x 18.1 in

Djordje Ozbolt Unfamiliar portraits 8 2015 Acrylic on canvas 61 x 46 cm / 24 x 18.1 in

Ida Ekblad PAPA 2015 Watercolour on paper 76 x 56 cm / 29.9 x 22 in 89.9 x 74.4 cm / 35.3 x 29.2 in (framed)







Ida Ekblad UGHI 2015 Watercolour on paper 76 x 56 cm / 29.9 x 22 in 89.9 x 74.4 cm / 35.3 x 29.2 in (framed)

Ida Ekblad ECKI 2015 Watercolour on paper 76 x 56 cm / 29.9 x 22 in 89.9 x 74.4 cm / 35.3 x 29.2 in (framed)

Cary Kwok The King Has Arrived 2015 Ink on paper 29.7 x 21 cm / 11.6 x 8.2 in 35.5 x 27 cm / 13.9 x 10.6 in









Nick Relph Jazz Hands 2011 Video 6:30 min Dimensions variable



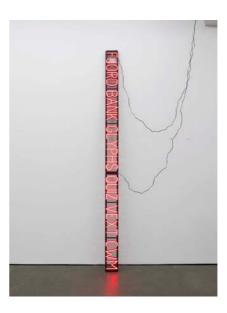
Michael Dean X (working title) 2015 Concrete 177 x 44 x 51 cm / 69.6 x 17.3 x 20 in

Oliver Payne Grip Tape For Four Artworks 2015 Grip tape Dimensions variable





Peter Coffin Untitled (Fjord bank glyphs quiz vext Cwm) 2015 SpellBrite LED signage system 275 x 16 x 4.5 cm / 108.2 x 6.2 x 1.7 in





Tony Swain The Me Theme 2015 Acrylic on newsprint 47 x 31.5 cm / 18.5 x 12.4 in

Matthew Darbyshire CAPTCHA No. 36 - Domestic Cat (walking) 2015 Multi-wall polycarbonate 66 x 66 x 20 cm / 25.9 x 25.9 x 7.8 in



Donald Urquhart Festoon Noir 2105 Black crepe paper Dimensions variable

