Westfälischer Kunstverein

Press information
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Press meeting: Thursday, 8 June at 11am

Tom Burr "Surplus of Myself"

10 June–1 October 2017

Venue	Westfälischer Kunstverein, Rothenburg 30, 48143 Münster, Germany
Exhibition	10 June–1 October 2017
Opening Hours	Daily, 11am–7pm
Press and Professional Preview	Friday, 9 June 10am–6pm
Opening	Friday, 9 June at 7pm
Admission	free

Tom Burr *Silver Lining, Leaning, Lying*, 2011 | mixed media | 215 x 280 cm
Courtesy Tom Burr and Galerie Neu, Berlin

In respect of the fifth edition of the “Skulptur Projekte Münster 2017”, Westfälischer Kunstverein is staging a comprehensive solo exhibition by the American artist, Tom Burr (b. 1963, New Haven, CT). Based in New York and New Haven, Burr has focused since the late 1980s upon issues relating to the distinction between and borders of public and private space. His work has always touched upon aesthetic discourses concerning site-specificity, minimalism, dandyism, camp and gay subcultures.
Tom Burr uses the formal devices of minimal art but charges them (at variance to their original intention) with innumerable connotations and references. These references are often associated with the emancipation of subcultures or details from his life. A child of the sixties in New Haven, Connecticut and growing up in the vicinity of the Yale campus, Burr processes architectural influences, such as brutalism which predominated at that time, icons for the musical world, literature and politics, as well as specific pioneering artists in whose footsteps he sees himself following. As a result of his method, i.e. a form of contextually-charged artistic production that incorporates historical and social milieux – Tom Burr became an extremely popular during the 1990s, above all in the USA. Burr will produce new sculptures for the project in Münster.

PUBLIC PROGRAMME

Lecture by Tom Burr (in English)

At University of Fine Arts, Münster

- Monday, 29 May at 6pm

Exhibition walkthrough with Tom Burr

- Sunday, 11 June at 5pm

Guided tours with curator Kristina Scepanski

- Friday, 23 June at 6pm
- Friday, 21 July at 6pm
- Saturday, 2 September at 2pm

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