

Works: Reflections of Failure

Curated by Osman Can Yerebakan

September 16-November 12, 2016

Opening reception on September 16th, 2016 between 6:00-9:00PM.

Radiator Gallery is pleased to present Works: Reflections on Failure, a group exhibition featuring works by Daniel A. Bruce, Esmeralda Kosmatopoulos, Ahmet Civelek, Jennifer Grimyser, Tim Etchells, Dana Stirling, Juliette Dumas, Shannon Finnegan, Kay Rosen, Christina Massey and George Spencer. Curated by Osman Can Yerebakan, the exhibition brings together eleven contemporary artists working in a wide variety of mediums, investigating the notion of failure in contemporary art.

Offering a platform to survey the relationship between the artist, the artwork and the audience; failure suggests a study on artistic drive, contextual meaning, and viewer expectation. Inspired by the late artist and author Édouard Levé's book Works, in which he gathered more than five-hundred artistic ideas he aimed to bring into fruition, the exhibition scrutinizes the ambiguous border separating success from downfall. Levé's candid devotion for creativity—leading to such accumulation of ideas that eventually failed to be executed—projects an inquisitive mind's strive for achievement, as well as his bold undertaking of potential failures. The exhibition not only studies the assumption of defeat as creative means, but also juxtaposes its various depictions in contemporary art. Approaching to the topic from various angles, artworks on view respond to unsuccessfulness through different channels, among which are viewer expectation, emotional investment, and risk taking.

The exhibition will remain on view through November 12, 2016. Radiator Gallery is located on 10-61 Jackson Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11106. The gallery hours are Friday and Sunday 1- 6 PM or anytime by appointment.

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