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PALE ONTOLOGY

WILLIAM DANIELS

MICHAEL DEAN

DAVID MUSGRAVE

RICKY SWALLOW

SAM WINDETT

8 September – 13 October 2012

Reception Saturday 8 September 6:00 to 8:00 PM

MARC FOXX is pleased to present the group exhibition, *PALE ONTOLOGY*.

This exhibition brings together London-based, **William Daniels**, **Michael Dean**, **David Musgrave**, **Sam Windett** and Australian, Los Angeles-based, **Ricky Swallow**. The five artists are aware and interested in each others' projects, however each work in different ways and with different materials. There is a palpable yet mysterious correlation and dialogue between these artists and their works and this exhibition attempts a cautious approach to an ontological possibility of connection. In addition to the overall palette of the exhibition, the title *Pale Ontology* refers to the ontological notion of categories regarding the relationships between the artists' works.

Also at play in the title is the reference to paleontology, which the viewer can see throughout the painting and sculptural works in the exhibition. The two artists closest in practice are **William Daniels** and **Sam Windett**, both making oil paintings, although to very different results. The painted paper arch forms In Daniels' two small works become bone-like within the context of the exhibition. In his first large scale painting ever on exhibition, and most colorful work on view, Daniels also uses the arch-like form as painted from an aluminum foil source-model, providing for a more futuristic Stonehenge-like result. Windett's white monochromatic paintings have a Modernist iconography and the 5 paintings on view give a lexicographic experience. Each of the artists employs a certain still life reference, but to very different effect and experience.

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