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A MACHINERY FOR LIVING

Organized by Walead Beshty



Lewis Baltz, *New Industrial Parks near Irvine, California, Element #49*, 1974, gelatin silver print, courtesy of Gallery Luisotti

July 2 – August 8, 2014

Opening reception: Wednesday, July 2nd, 6-8pm

Friedrich Petzel Gallery is pleased to announce “A Machinery for Living,” a group exhibition organized by Walead Beshty, opening Wednesday, July 2nd, from 6:00 – 8:00PM. The exhibition will remain on view until August 8th 2014.

There must be no doubt about the dangerous essence of the everyday, nor about this uneasiness that seizes us each time that, by an unforeseeable leap, we stand back from it and, facing it, we discover that precisely nothing faces us: "What? " "Is this my everyday life? " Not only must one not doubt it, but one must not dread it; rather one ought to seek to recapture the secret destructive capacity that is in play in it, the corrosive force of human anonymity, the infinite wearing away.

- Maurice Blanchot

People who talk about revolution and class struggle without referring explicitly to everyday life, without understanding what is subversive about love and what is positive in the refusal of constraints—such people have a corpse in their mouth.

- Raoul Vaneigem

*A house is **not** a machine à habiter. It is the shell of a man – his extension, his release, his spiritual emanation.*

- Eileen Gray

We live, for the most part, in enclosed rooms.

- Paul Scheerbart

Walead Beshty (b. 1976, London, UK) is an artist and writer living and working in Los Angeles, and Associate Professor in the Graduate Art Department of Art Center College of Design.

Petzel Gallery is located at 456 West 18th Street New York, NY 10011. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. For press inquiries, please contact Andrew Black at andrew@petzel.com, or call (212) 680-9467.

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PARTICIPANTS

Atelier EB
Lewis Baltz
Thomas Barrow
Maurice Blanchot
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Morgan Fisher
Dan Flavin
Rudi Gernreich
Liam Gillick
Liz Glynn
Eileen Gray
Jan Groover
Rachel Harrison
Larry Johnson
Craig Kauffman
Romain Kremer

Sharon Lockhart
Lee Lozano
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