

Press Release

“We Are All Cats”

Curated by Dan Graham and Mieko Meguro

18 April – 23 May 2015

Opening on 17 April, 6 – 8 PM

The concept for “We Are All Cats” began one day when I was on an airplane, sitting across from a little boy. The flight was seven hours long, and the entire time he was deeply engrossed in an encyclopedic-style sticker book about animals. I was envious of the boy. I wanted that book. After I returned to New York I bought several of my own sticker books.

From them I learned that Lion is a cat. I was shocked. I had believed that he was a dog. His features make me think he is a dog. However, it turns out that most, infamous, beautiful beasts are cats. Cheetah is a cat. Cougar is a cat. Tiger is a cat. This revelation was the inspiration for my book “We Are All Cats.”

That book brought me another surprise: it was popular. Cats became a common topic of discussion among friends, and soon there were others eager to make cat-related work. From a little lion sticker there grew a large group show, featuring work by incredible artists with a variety of styles.

The work ranges from video installations by Frank Stürmer, to a sculpture by Daniel Brant, to photographs by Dan Graham of Chan Marshall of the rock group “Cat Power” with Chan holding a box containing a cute cat. Wineke Gartz, a versatile Dutch artist, has a small, quirky drawing series she created, inspired by Google searches for “How to draw a cat.” Trevor Shimizu is showing a diptych and three paintings of women depicted as sexy cats.

The show is intimate, and fun. Each of the artists is a cat-lover, and the earnest enjoyment each artist takes from his/her subject fills the show with a delightful warmth. “We Are All Cats” is a wonderful fit for the cozy atmosphere of Karma International.

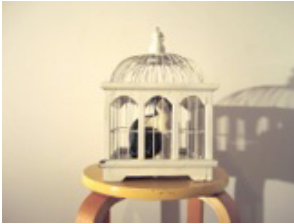
-Mieko Meguro

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DANIEL BRANT
We Are Siamese, if you please, 2014
watercolor and acrylic on paper
41.5 x 29.5 cm (16 3/8 x 11 5/8 inch)

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DANIEL BRANT
Birdcage with cat, 2015
birdcage, porcelain cat
30.48 x 25.4 x 25.4 cm (12 x 10 x 10 inch)

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WINEKE GARTZ (*1968)
How to Draw a Cat in Political Meeting Rooms, 2015
Ink on paper
29.7 x 21 cm (11 3/4 x 8 1/4 inch)

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DAN GRAHAM (*1942)

Wendy with Persian Cat, 2001

Color photograph

34.6 x 23.8 cm (13 5/8 x 9 3/8 inch)

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DAN GRAHAM (*1942)

Megumi With Her Cat, Tokyo Japan, 2003

Color photograph

44.1 x 27.3 cm (17 3/8 x 10 3/4 inch)

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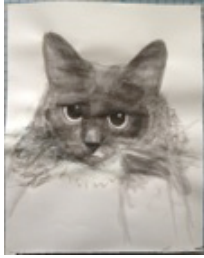
DAN GRAHAM (*1942)
Cat Power With Cat, 1993
Color photograph
25.4 x 28.3 cm (10 x 11 1/8 inch)

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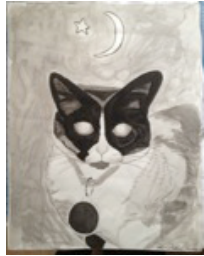
DAN GRAHAM (*1942)
Anne with Chris' Cat, 2003
color photograph
39.1 x 27.3 cm (15 3/8 x 10 3/4 inch)

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PAUL MCMAHON
Mousie II, 2015
ink, acrylic and pencil on paper
35.6 x 27.94 cm (14 x 11 inch)

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PAUL MCMAHON
Pet Portraits by Paul \$75, 1993
ink on paper
35.6 x 27.94 cm (14 x 11 inch)

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PAUL MCMAHON
Mousie, 2015
ink, acrylic and pencil on paper
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PAUL MCMAHON
Tiger, 2015
ink and pencil on paper
35.6 x 27.94 cm (14 x 11 inch)

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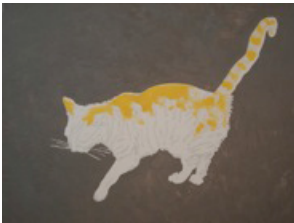
PAUL MCMAHON
Willow I, 2015
ink and pencil on paper
27.94 x 35.6 cm (11 x 14 inch)

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PAUL MCMAHON
Willow II, 2015
ink and pencil on paper
27.94 x 35.6 cm (11 x 14 inch)

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MIEKO MEGURO
A Cat at the Nolita Mart, 2014
Oil on canvas
60.96 x 76.2 cm (24 x 30 inch)

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MIEKO MEGURO
Nevada 1, 2014
Oil on canvas
76.2 x 60.96 cm (30 x 24 inch)

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MIEKO MEGURO
Nevada 2, 2014
Oil on canvas
60.96 x 76.2 cm (24 x 30 inch)

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MIEKO MEGURO
Nevada 3, 2014
Oil on canvas
60.96 x 76.2 cm (24 x 30 inch)



MIEKO MEGURO
Nevada 4, 2014
Oil on canvas
60.96 x 76.2 cm (24 x 30 inch)



MIEKO MEGURO
May 19th, 2014, a day with cat, 2014
Hairbrush and We Are All Cats zine (edition of 100)
30.48 x 33.02 x 22.86 cm (12 x 13 x 9 inch)



SHIMON MINAMIKAWA (*1972)
Impression 6 (Twinkle, Slash, Beige, Cat Descending a Staircase), 2015
acrylic on canvas, collage
series of 4
130 x 420 cm (51 1/8 x 165 3/8 inch)



SHIMON MINAMIKAWA (*1972)
Cat, 2015
acrylic on canvas
150 x 100 cm (59 x 39 3/8 inch)



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acrylic on canvas
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Cat, 2015
acrylic on canvas
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SHIMON MINAMIKAWA (*1972)
Cat, 2015
acrylic on canvas
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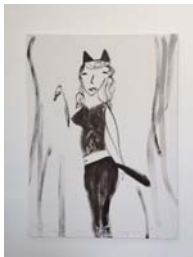
TREVOR SHIMIZU
CatTime, 2014
mixed media on canvas
21.59 x 27.94 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inch)

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TREVOR SHIMIZU
Kinky Cat, 2013
oil on canvas
two panels (diptych)
60.96 x 76.2 cm (24 x 30 inch) each

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TREVOR SHIMIZU
sexy cat 2, 2014
oil on canvas
76.2 x 55.88 cm (30 x 22 inch)

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TREVOR SHIMIZU
sexy cat 3, 2014
oil on canvas
76.2 x 55.88 cm (30 x 22 inch)

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TREVOR SHIMIZU
sexy cat 4, 2014
oil on canvas
76.2 x 55.88 cm (30 x 22 inch)

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FRANK STURMER (*1972)

Untitled (Utopia concreta), 2012

3-channel audio video installation, color, sound

Part A 6'20", Part B 39'43" / Audio part 15'12"

Edition 2/3
