

Leo GABIN

Whatever is Clever

Peres Projects Mitte, Berlin

April 27 – June 23, 2012

On the occasion of Berlin Gallery Weekend 2012 Peres Projects is very proud to present *Whatever is Clever*, a solo exhibition by Belgium based Leo Gabin. Leo Gabin (Lieven Deconinck, Gaëtan Begerem and Robin De Vooght) have worked as a collective since the early 2000's in media such as video, painting, drawing and sculpture and have taught as a collective at The Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Ghent where they received their Fine Art degrees.

Leo Gabin take inspiration from the proliferation of user generated media on the internet and the until now undefined space straddling the public and private realms. Themes of sex, violence and celebrity which dominate these users' experiences are filtered through Gabin's collage based aesthetic and confrontational means of production. Gabin captures images from their video mash ups to silkscreen onto their paintings and ultimately incorporate the acetate used to create the silkscreens in their collages and totem like sculptures.

This recyclical use of imagery and media draws on the very function of social media and the ownerless, shared content which it consists of. Created in a singular moment of violent, collaborative exertion, these works shed light on the social media space and our collective identities within it. For their first solo show at the gallery, Leo Gabin will present a new body of work consisting of paintings, collages, sculpture and video works.

Whatever is Clever will be on view at Peres Projects Berlin (Mitte) from April 27th through June 23rd, 2012. Opening hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11am – 6pm and by appointment. For further information or reproductions please contact Margherita Belaief at margherita@peresprojects.com or Nick Koenigsknecht at nick@peresprojects.com or please call us at +49 30 275 950770.