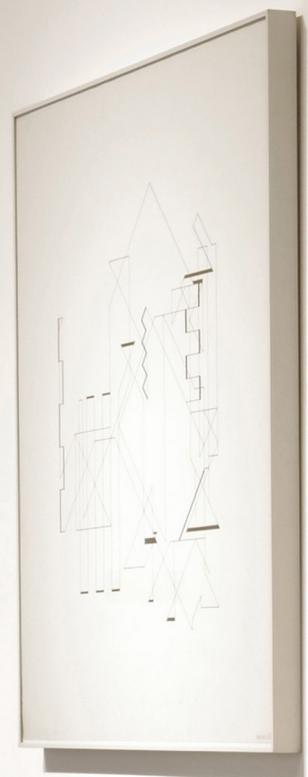


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From Bjorn Schulke's ambient light-powered kinetic sculptures to the mesmerizing interactive video installations Daniel Rozin and Daniel Canogar — the exhibition showcases how contemporary artists are expanding the boundaries of traditional art forms. Select artworks invite viewers to become active participants, blurring the lines between creator, artwork and audience, while redefining our notion of the canvas, to extend it into three-dimensional space and time. The exhibit also presents historic works by Manfred Mohr (b. 1938), a pioneer of generative art, who will showcase a range of early plotter works from the 1970's and more recent printed metal objects.

Marina Zurkow urges a conversation between individual and global moments with her prints from the Crucible series. The porous connection between a lived experience and the far-reaching environment is portrayed through domestic, material manifestations.

Digital images of AI generated sculptures by Alex Reben and a real-time generative screen painting by Siebren Versteeg demonstrate how algorithms can be harnessed as a new kind of paintbrush which creates complex visual narratives in constant motion.

While the exhibited works employ cutting-edge technology, they are firmly rooted in art historical traditions. Schulke's kinetic sculptures echo Dadaist and Constructivist experiments with movement and machines. The interactive works build upon the participatory aspects of 1960s Happenings and Fluxus events, while the algorithm-generated prints can be seen as a digital evolution of Abstract Expressionism and Conceptual Art.

This exhibition challenges the viewer to consider how new technology is not just a tool for artists, but a collaborator in the creative process, opening new realms of possibility. As visitors move through the exhibition, they will experience art which responds to their presence, art which evolves over time, as well as art which exists at the very edge of human and machine creativity.

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Artists include:

Daniel Canogar, LaJuné McMillian, Manfred Mohr, Alex Reben, Daniel Rozin, Björn Schülke, Siebren Versteeg and Marina Zurkow.

**Daniel Canogar**, b. 1964, Madrid, Spain. Lives and works in Madrid, Spain

Sifting through dumpsters to find materials, Daniel Canogar creates works out of discarded pieces of moribund and current technological hardware, from light bulbs and VHS tapes to DVDs and fiber optic cable. Canogar's installations offer commentaries about the speed and regularity of obsolescence in the world of consumer technology. The artist's 2010 installation *Spin* featured films projected onto the DVDs from which they were ripped, creating reflections on facing walls, and accompanied by their dissonantly layered soundtracks.

**LaJuné McMillian**, b. 1992, New York. Lives and works in New York and Maryland.

LaJuné McMillian is a new media artist, and Creative Technologist creating art that integrates performance, extended reality, and physical computing to question our current forms of communication. McMillian has shown and spoke about their work at Pioneer Works, National Sawdust, Leaders in Software and Art, Creative Tech Week, and Art & Code's *Weird Reality*. The artist was previously the Director of Skating at Figure Skating in Harlem, where they integrated STEAM and Figure Skating to teach girls of color about movement and technology. They have continued their research on Blackness, Movement, and Technology during residencies at Eyebeam, Pioneer Works, Barbarian Group, and Barnard College.

**Manfred Mohr**, b.1938 in Pforzheim, Germany. Lived in Barcelona 1962-1963 and Paris 1963-1983. Lives and works in New York, since 1981.

Influenced by his experience as a jazz musician and by German philosopher Max Bense's theories on rational aesthetics, Manfred Mohr has been an innovator in the field of computer-generated art. To manipulate, for example, the myriad variations of the 11-dimension hypercube, Mohr created algorithms in FORTRAN programming language and printed them on flatbed plotters before the advent of laser printers. Mohr's "Klangfarben" series (2008) features paintings and digital animation of brightly colored diagonal lines and intersecting planes against a flat black background.

**Alexander Reben**, b.1985, New York. Lives and works in Berkeley, CA.

Alexander Reben is an artist whose work probes the inherently human nature of the artificial through a conceptual and process-driven approach. Reben uses experimentation and prototyping to delve into our intricate relationships with algorithms, automation, and amplification through the lenses of absurdity, humor, mischief, and play. His artwork aims to engage the public with complex ideas in technology in an approachable way and to bring to light our inseparable evolutionary entanglement with technology, which shapes our existence. Reben studied social robotics at MIT where he researched human-machine symbiosis. For over a decade, he has been an artist working closely with cutting-edge technology and companies, developing artwork spanning multiple mediums. He has exhibited internationally at cultural institutions, galleries, and museums and is regularly invited to speak at conferences and universities worldwide.

**Daniel Rozin**, b. 1961, Jerusalem, Israel. Lives and works in New York City.

Artist and computer developer Daniel Rozin is best-known for incorporating ingenious engineering and his own algorithms to make installations that change and respond to the presence and point of view of the viewer. Exploring the subjectivity of self-perception, Rozin's works are made from a wide array of materials from video to wooden pegs and even street refuse. *Trash Mirror No. 3* (2011) uses motors and software designed by the artist that manipulate 'pixels' constructed out of flattened, reflective pieces of garbage, which shift to render the silhouette of whomever approaches it.

**Björn Schülke**, b. 1967, Cologne, Germany. Lives and works in Cologne, Germany.

Influenced by German sound artist Peter Vogel and Jean Tinguely's kinetic sculptures, Björn Schülke creates complex viewer-activated machines that combine movement, surveillance, and sound. Equal parts art and science, Schülke's works play on our relationship to technology, from the ominously-titled *Drone #6* (2006), which appears to hover close to the ceiling and monitor movement below, to the playful oddity of *Nervous* (1999-2009), a wall-mounted, fluorescent orange ball of fur that shudders and emits robotic noises when approached.

**Siebren Versteegb**, 1971, New Haven, CT. Lives and works in New York.

Siebren Versteeg mines the digital realm for content, hacking and manipulating systems of image dissemination found in cyberspace. Creating algorithmic programs that respond to and distort online imagery, Versteeg then presents the results as still painterly abstractions, or displays the programs on monitors. *Daily Times* (2012) is a real-time digital program presented on a monitor, which downloads a scan of *The New York Times*' front page daily; the program then gets to work on it, producing strokes of color across the page that respond to the particularities of that day's layout, thereby engaging with notions of agency, choice, and chance, and how they intersect with digital streams of information.

**Marina Zurkow**, b. 1962, New York. Lives and works in New York.

New media artist Marina Zurkow creates research-based animated films that explore the subject of human relations with animals, plants, weather, and the media cultures that develop around these themes. "My work is about the networked stories we tell ourselves about our place in the larger world, the interwoven and often conflicted threads of this, and how these are represented in mediated form," Zurkow says. In response to online viewing behaviors—particularly the short attention spans of online audiences—Zurkow makes layered psychological narratives that have neither continuous thread, nor beginning or end. Zurkow creates many of the images used in her films by hand, as in *Mesocosm* (Northumberland UK) (2011), a 146-hour film about a yearlong cycle of life in the moors of northern England, involving weather phenomena and a cast of 150 characters—an investigation of the nature of human relationships with changing landscapes.

VISU Contemporary is open Wednesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. by appointment. For more information, visit [VISUgallery.com](http://VISUgallery.com) or follow [@visu.gallery](https://www.instagram.com/visu.gallery) on instagram, email [info@visugallery.com](mailto:info@visugallery.com) to make an appointment, or call 305.496.5180.



## Daniel Canogar

### **Loom**, 2020

Generative animation (color, silent), computer, screen  
Dimensions variable, portrait orientation  
Edition of 7, 1 AP (#7/7)



## LaJuné McMillian

### **The Portal's Keeper - Self Portrait 2**, 2024

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12 x 18 in / 30.5 x 45.7 cm  
Edition of 3, 1 AP



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## Manfred Mohr

### **P3010\_3**, 2020-2021

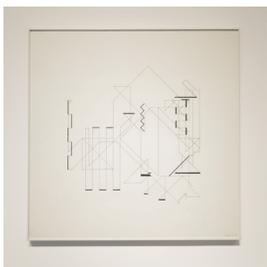
Dye sublimation on aluminum  
16.9 x 16.9 x 2 in / 43 x 43 x 5 cm



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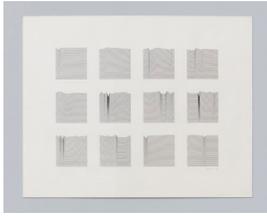
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## Manfred Mohr

### **P-016-23**, 1969

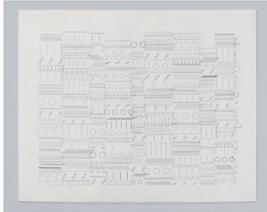
Computer calculation, hand drawn on white paper  
23.6 x 23.6 in / 60 x 60 cm



**Manfred Mohr**

**P-031b, Matrix Elements, 1970**

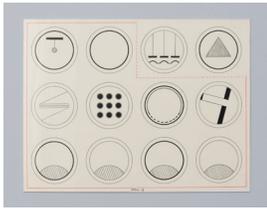
Computer generated algorithmic pen plotter drawing, ink on paper  
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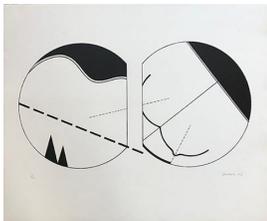
Computer generated algorithmic pen plotter drawing,  
ink on paper  
24 x 29.5 in / 61 x 75 cm



**Manfred Mohr**

**Zeichnung C, 1967**

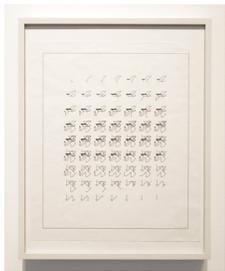
Hand drawing, ink on paper  
19.7 x 23.6 in / 50 x 60 cm



**Manfred Mohr**

**Untitled, 1967**

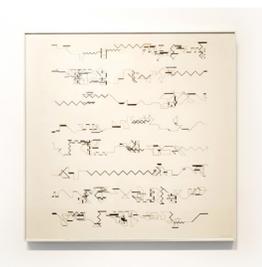
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Edition 6 of 10



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11 x 9 in / 28 x 23 cm



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**p-021-7, 1970**

Plotter drawing on paper  
23 5/8 x 23 5/8 in / 60 x 60 cm



## Manfred Mohr

### **P-122-N**, Scratch code, 1972

Computer generated algorithmic pen plotter drawing, ink on paper  
15 3/4 x 15 3/4 in / 40 x 40 cm, unframed  
22.5 x 22.5 in / 57.2 x 57.2 cm, framed



## Alexander Reben

### **The Mysterious Core**, 2023

From the series "365"  
365 HD jpgs, one delivered each day, and then repeated each year  
24 x 24 x 3 1/2 in / 61 x 61 x 8.9 cm



## Daniel Rozin

### **Selfish Gene Mirror**, 2015

Custom software (color, silent), computer, video camera, screen or projector Dimensions variable, portrait or landscape orientation  
Edition 3 of 6, 1 AP (#3/6)



## Björn Schülke

### **Mirror Machine #44**, 2024

Brass, automotive paint, mirrors, solar panel, motor, electronic.  
7.5 x 4.3 x 5.5 in / 19 x 11 x 14 cm



## Björn Schülke

### **Mirror Machine #45**, 2024

Brass, automotive paint, mirrors, solar panel, motor, electronic.  
5.5 x 4.7 x 3.1 in / 14 x 12 x 8 cm



## Björn Schülke

### **Light Magnetic Machine #4**, 2024

Brass, carbon, automotive paint, magnets, solar panels, motor, electronic.  
12.6 x 5.5 x 5.5 in / 32 x 14 x 14 cm



**Björn Schülke**

**Glitter Machine #3, 2024**

Brass, aluminum, automotive paint, solar panel, motor, electronic.

5.5 x 13.4 x 4.7 in / 14 x 34 x 12 cm



**Björn Schülke**

**Mirror Machine #43, 2024**

Brass, steel, automotive paint, mirrors, solar panel, motor, electronic.

14.6 x 6.7 x 5.1 in / x 37 x 17 x 13 cm



**Björn Schülke**

**Solar Magnetic Bell, 2022**

Brass, steel, magnet, paint, solar panel, electronic, motor, LED

11.8 x 9.5 x 3.9 in / 30 x 24 x 10 cm



**Björn Schülke**

**Mirror Machine #39, 2022**

Solar panel, motor, electronics, brass, paint, mirrors

7.9 x 3.5 x 2.8 in / 20 x 9 x 7 cm

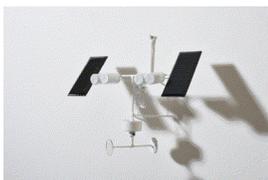


**Björn Schülke**

**Mirror Machine #46, 2024**

Brass, automotive paint, mirrors, solar panel, motor, electronic

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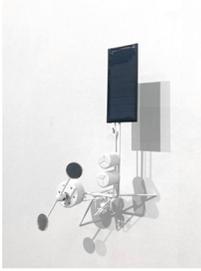


**Björn Schülke**

**Mirror Machine #47, 2024**

Brass, automotive paint, mirrors, solar panel, motor, electronic

7 x 5.9 x 3.2 in / 22 x 14 x 8 cm



### **Björn Schülke**

#### ***Mirror Machine #37*, 2022**

Solar panel, motor, electronics, brass, paint, mirrors  
7.9 x 3.5 x 2.8 in / 20 x 9 x 7 cm



### **Siebren Versteeg**

#### ***Untitled (ZOE)*, 2024**

Custom software (color, silent), screen or projector  
41.7 x 74.1 in / 105.8 x 188.2 cm (85 in monitor)  
Edition of 3, 1 AP



### **Marina Zurkow**

#### ***Crucible for crumpling and folding*, 2022**

Archival print on Tesuki Washi Echizen  
38 x 26 in / 96.5 x 66 cm  
Edition 1 of 3, 1 AP



### **Marina Zurkow**

#### ***Deathwork (Roots and Aquifer)*, 2024**

Digital print on Kozo Thick 110 gsm paper  
90 x 36 in / 228.6 x 91.4 cm  
Edition of 3, 1 AP (#1/3)



**Daniel Canogar**

*Loom*, 2020

Generative animation (color, silent), computer, screen

Dimensions variable, portrait orientation

Edition of 7, 1 AP (#7/7)

\$ 40,000.00, screen additional

**Description**

**Video Documentation:** <https://vimeo.com/showcase/1642278/video/412796556>

*Loom* employs abstract animations developed with data from real-time Google Trends. Colors within the animation are determined by how “hot” or popular a specific topic becomes; the more viral the search is online, the warmer the tones become. Popular queries from each day appear momentarily as overlaid text before dissolving into a smoky abstraction.



**LaJuné McMillian**

*The Portal's Keeper - Self Portrait 2*, 2024

Archival print on Tesuki Washi Echizen

12 x 18 in / 30.5 x 45.7 cm

Edition of 3, 1 AP (#1/3)

\$ 1,850.00

**Description**

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*P3010\_3*, 2020-2021

Dye sublimation on aluminum

16.9 x 16.9 x 2 in / 43 x 43 x 5 cm

\$ 37,500.00

**Description**

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**Manfred Mohr**

*P3010\_4*, 2020-2021

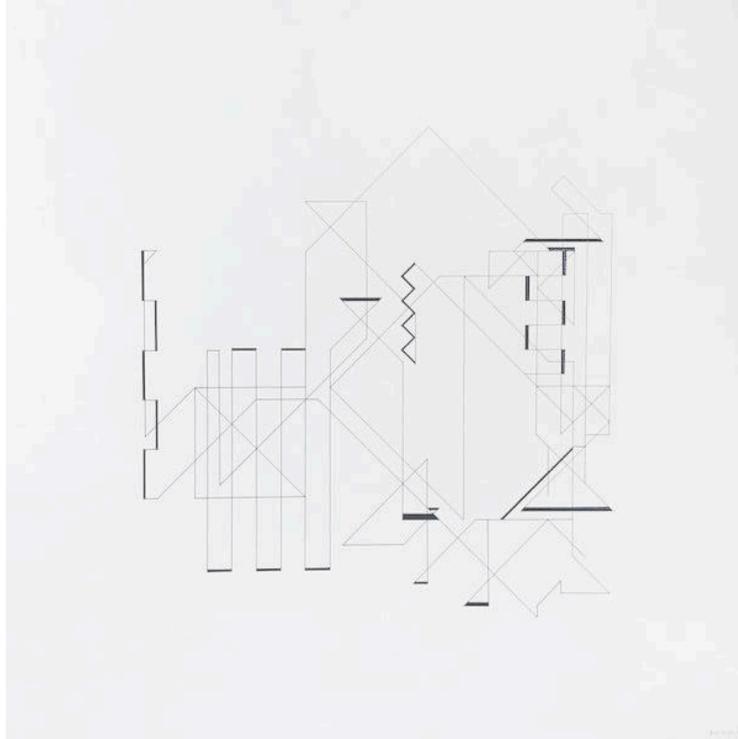
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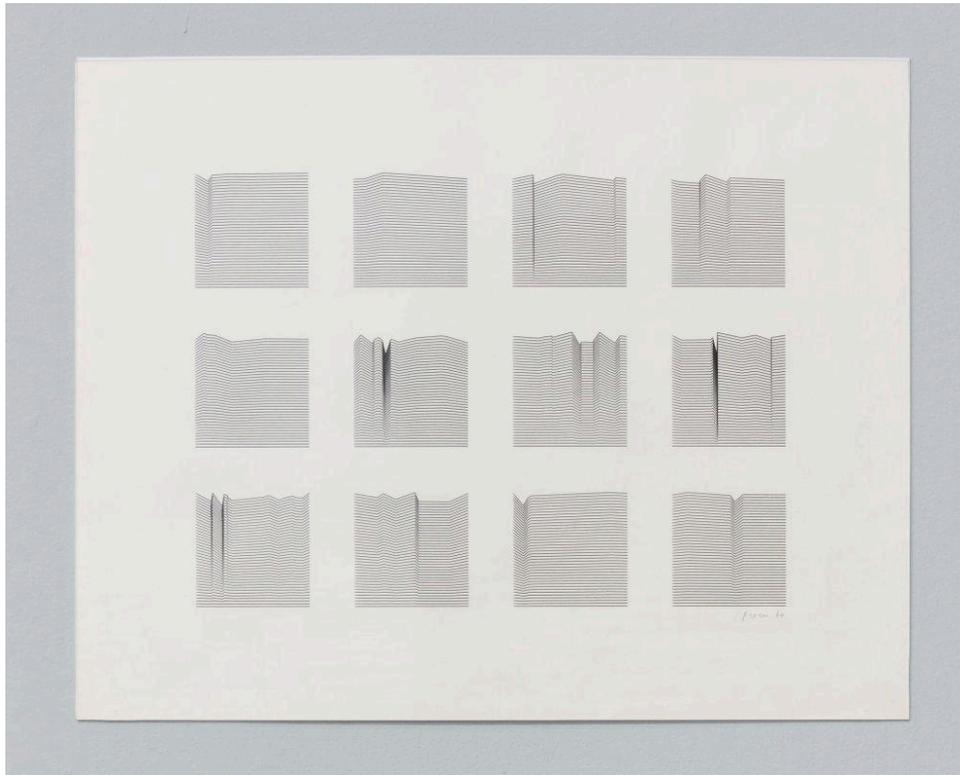
*P-016-23, 1969*

Computer calculation, hand drawn on white paper  
23.6 x 23.6 in / 60 x 60 cm

\$ 58,000.00

**Description**

In 1969, Manfred Mohr introduced a logical and automatic process to construct pictures. For a short period, these works were hand drawn. All of the artist's later drawings were rendered by plotter after Mohr gained access to the large computer and plotter at the Paris Météorologie Nationale in 1970. For the first time algorithms, or rules with a beginning and an ending, are used to calculate the images. Mohr's thinking is consequently rendered visible through his computer programs. Although this work was hand drawn, other drawings in this series were realized by a plotter, which is a computer controlled drawing machine. With a choice of different line characteristics, the algorithm arbitrarily generates an alphabet of graphic elements. Individual algorithms are invented for each work from which all forms and structures are solely generated. The algorithms are built from imposed as well as from random selection principles which the artist calls "aesthetical-filters".



**Manfred Mohr**

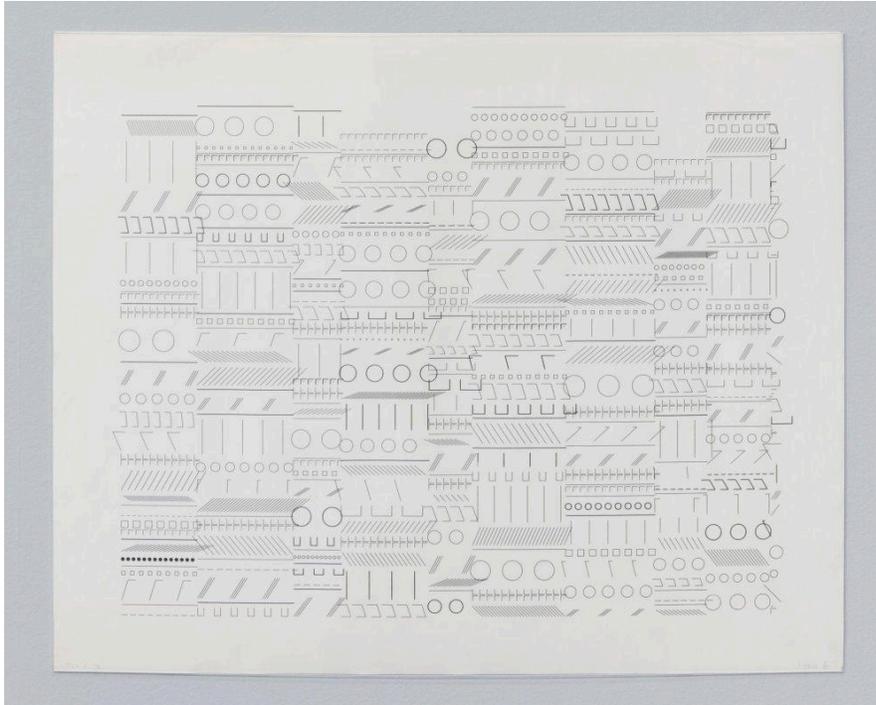
*P-031b, Matrix Elements, 1970*

Computer generated algorithmic pen plotter drawing, ink on paper  
22.8 x 29.1 in / 58 x 74 cm

\$ 55,000.00

**Description**

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**Manfred Mohr**

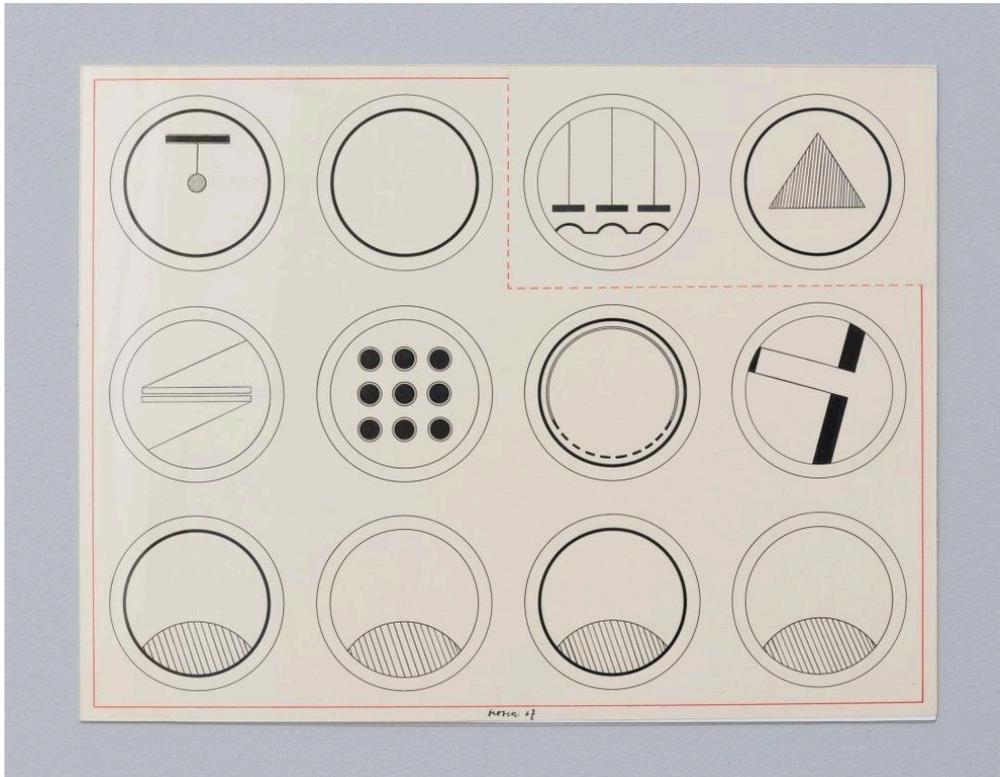
*P-065b-large, serielle zeichenreihung, 1970*

Computer generated algorithmic pen plotter drawing, ink on paper  
24 x 29.5 in / 61 x 75 cm

\$ 55,000.00

**Description**

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**Manfred Mohr**

*Zeichnung C*, 1967

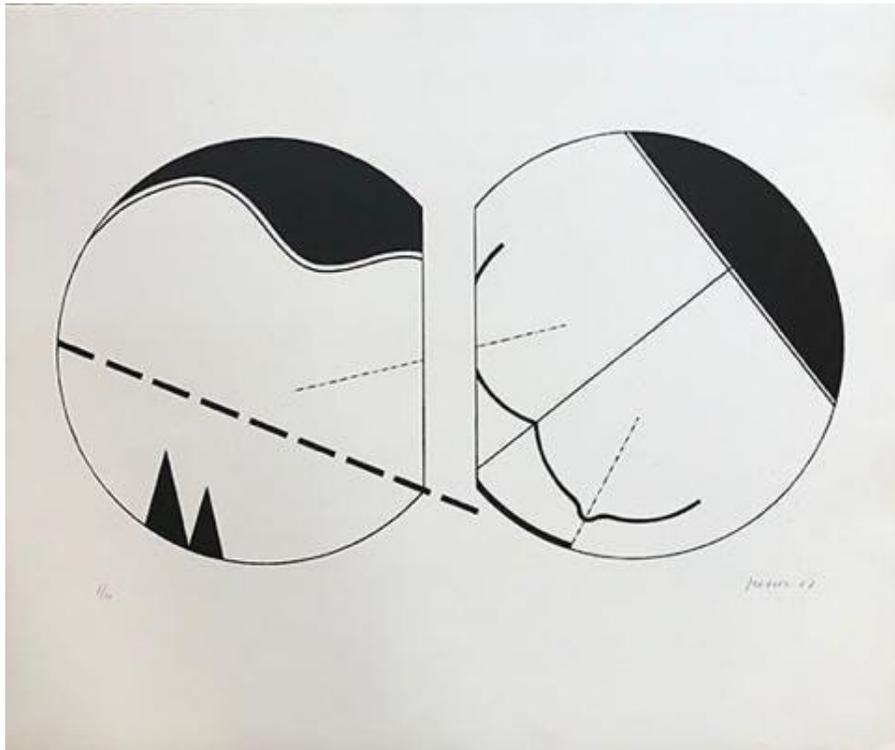
Hand drawing, ink on paper

19.7 x 23.6 in / 50 x 60 cm

\$ 55,000.00

**Description**

This work phase (1966-early 1969) introduces geometry and constructibility (but not yet the computer) into Mohr's work. In a subjective selection process, geometric elements influenced by electronic and other technical signs are created and distributed over the entire pictorial surface. Since all signs (forms) are surrounded by a pictorial force, they create in their juxtaposition a network of abstract visual tension.



**Manfred Mohr**

Untitled, 1967

Lithograph on paper

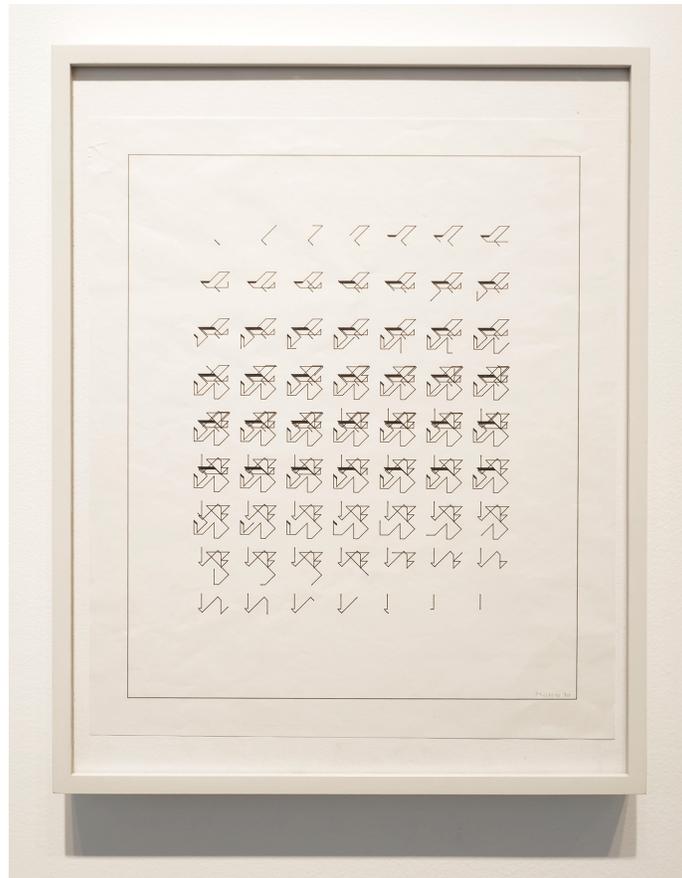
18 x 22 in / 45.7 x 55.9 cm

Edition 6 of 10

\$ 9,000.00

**Description**

This work phase (1966-early 1969) introduces geometry and constructibility (but not yet the computer) into Mohr's practice. In a subjective selection process, geometric elements influenced by electronic and other technical signs are created and distributed over the entire pictorial surface. They are mobile signs, that means, they are exchangeable signs. Since all signs (forms) are surrounded by a pictorial force, they create in their juxtaposition a network of abstract visual tension.



**Manfred Mohr**

*P-026ta, Logical Inversion, 1970*

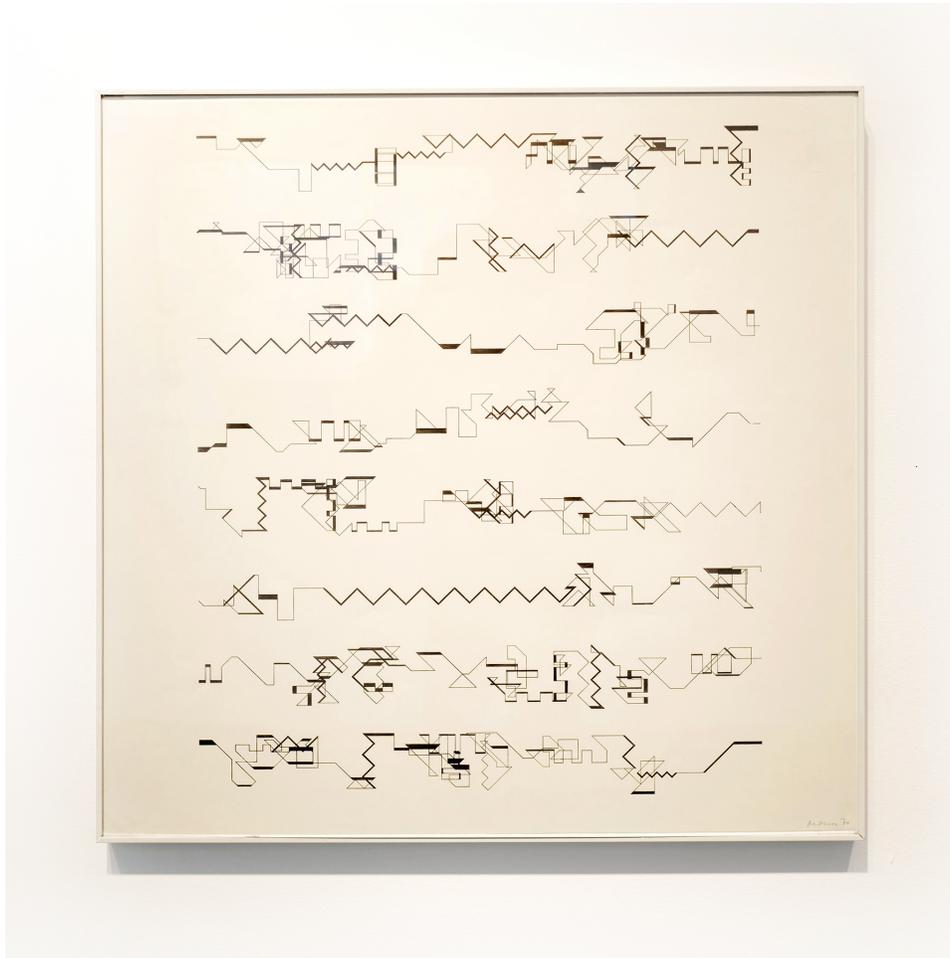
Computer generated algorithmic pen plotter drawing, ink on tracing paper

11 x 9 in / 28 x 23 cm

\$ 30,000.00

**Description**

Each program Mohr writes, even though based on a defined logic, has “infinite” solutions achieved by using random processes called though parameters particular to the algorithm. About the algorithm: The elements are horizontal, vertical, 45 degree lines, square waves, zig-zags, and probabilities for line widths and lengths. For each position in a matrix (left to right, top to bottom), the algorithm randomly chooses a new element from the alphabet to add to the existing elements. When the middle position is reached, an element is subtracted from the composite sign in the order in which it was added. Thus the last position in the grid shows the last element added.



**Manfred Mohr**

*p-021-7, 1970*

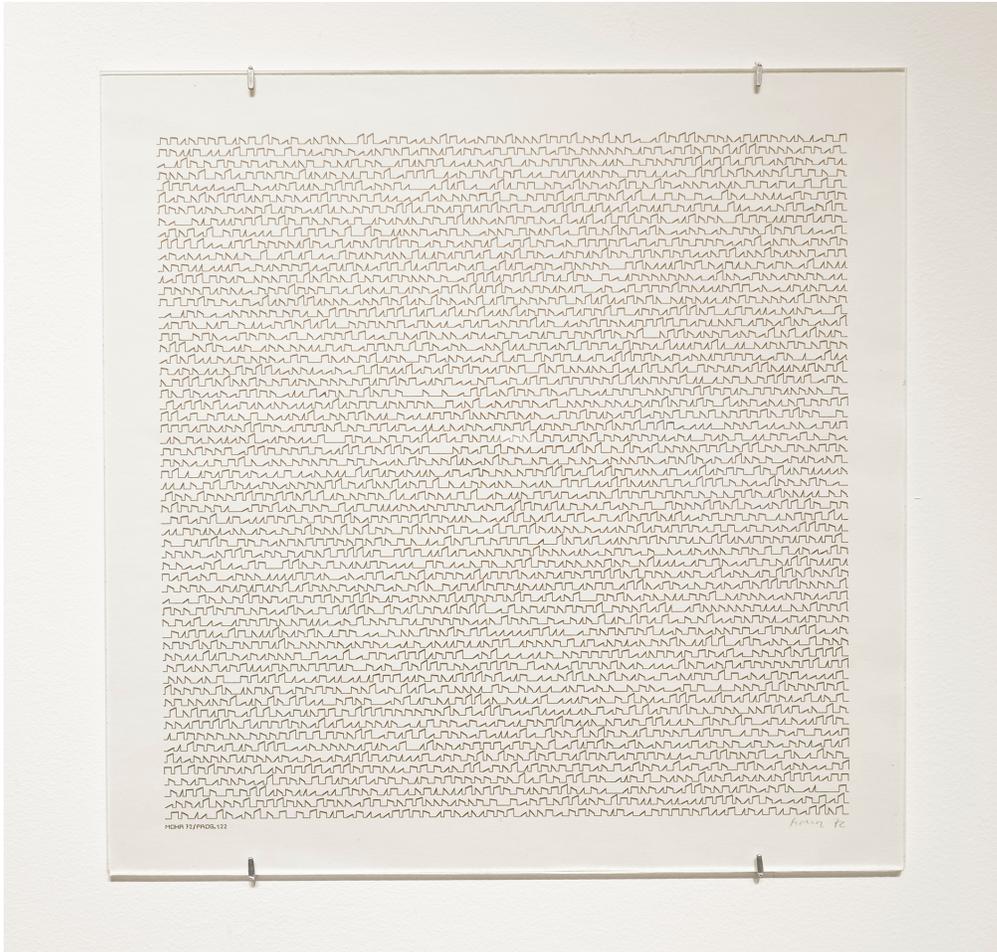
Plotter drawing on paper

23 5/8 x 23 5/8 in / 60 x 60 cm

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**Manfred Mohr**

*P-122-N, Scratch code, 1972*

Computer generated algorithmic pen plotter drawing, ink on paper

15 3/4 x 15 3/4 in / 40 x 40 cm, unframed

22.5 x 22.5 in / 57.2 x 57.2 cm, framed

\$ 30,000.00

**Description**

This particular drawing is part of Mohr's early algorithmic work phase (1969-72), which emphasized a "formalism" of the software medium: logical and automatic construction of pictures. Typical of his early algorithmic work, this piece links line to language, process and conceptual systems. Mohr calculated the image using a program that he authored in the FORTRAN language. Long-standing is Mohr's interest in signs and automatic writing. The concept for this drawing is based on rules that define an abstract text or script. Lines touching the horizontal base line are associated to the numbers 0-9. Lines which do not touch the horizontal base line and therefore are between 2 vertical lines are associated to the letters of the alphabet A-Z. Letters and numbers are chosen randomly, thus creating a random text.



**Alexander Reben**

*The Mysterious Core*, 2023

From the series "365"

365 HD jpgs, one delivered each day, and then repeated each year

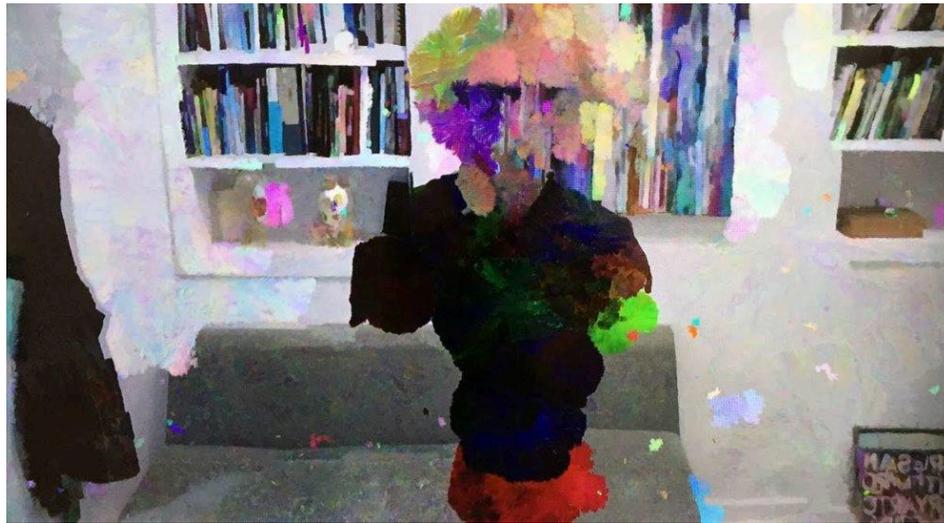
24 x 24 x 3 1/2 in / 61 x 61 x 8.9 cm

\$ 15,000.00, incl. screen, frame

**Description**

**Video Documentation (previous outputs):** <https://vimeo.com/865183505/8820f703bf>

*Untitled (365)* is a generative artwork that creates a digital image of a new sculpture daily. The work utilizes an automated set of instructions to construct each composition with AI-assisted imagery. Reben begins this process with a framework that the artwork uses to generate its own imagery. Each day thereafter, the artwork instructs itself to create based on what was developed the day before. Parameters are embedded that contextualize sculpture as an art historical dataset, encouraging the compositions to appear as three-dimensional, spotlight objects situated on a plinth. *Untitled (365)* serves as Reben's own commentary on how machine learning constructs and understands art, giving the artist the opportunity to remove his preferences and reveal what AI determines as "good" and "artistic."



**Daniel Rozin**

*Selfish Gene Mirror*, 2015

Custom software (color, silent), computer, video camera, screen or projector

Dimensions variable, portrait or landscape orientation

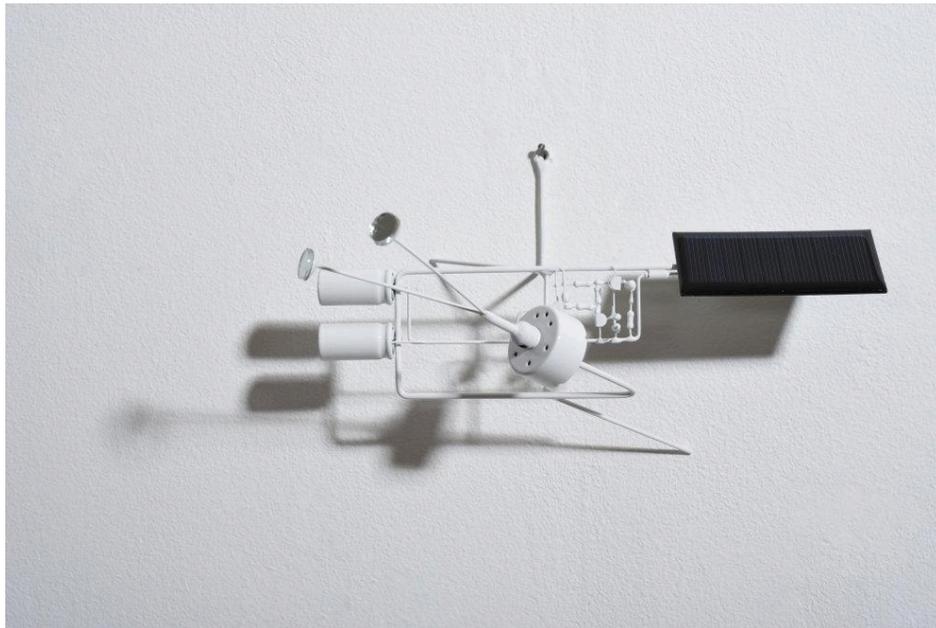
Edition 3 of 6, 1 AP (#3/6)

\$ 40,000.00, screen additional

**Description**

**Video Documentation:** <https://vimeo.com/287667969>

*Selfish Gene Mirror* is the latest installment in Rozin's investigation into the mechanism of biological evolution as a basis for image creation. This piece looks into the Neo-Darwinistic theory described in Richard Dawkins' book "The Selfish Gene". The theory proposes that evolutionary change is caused by "selfish genes" whose sole motivation is to propagate in the gene population. Similarly, in the piece, the genes are visualized as tiny color lines that compete in their success at adopting the color of the likeness of the viewer. The result is a colorful effect resembling water colors that spread throughout the screen perpetually laboring to update the image of the viewer.



**Björn Schülke**

*Mirror Machine #44*, 2024

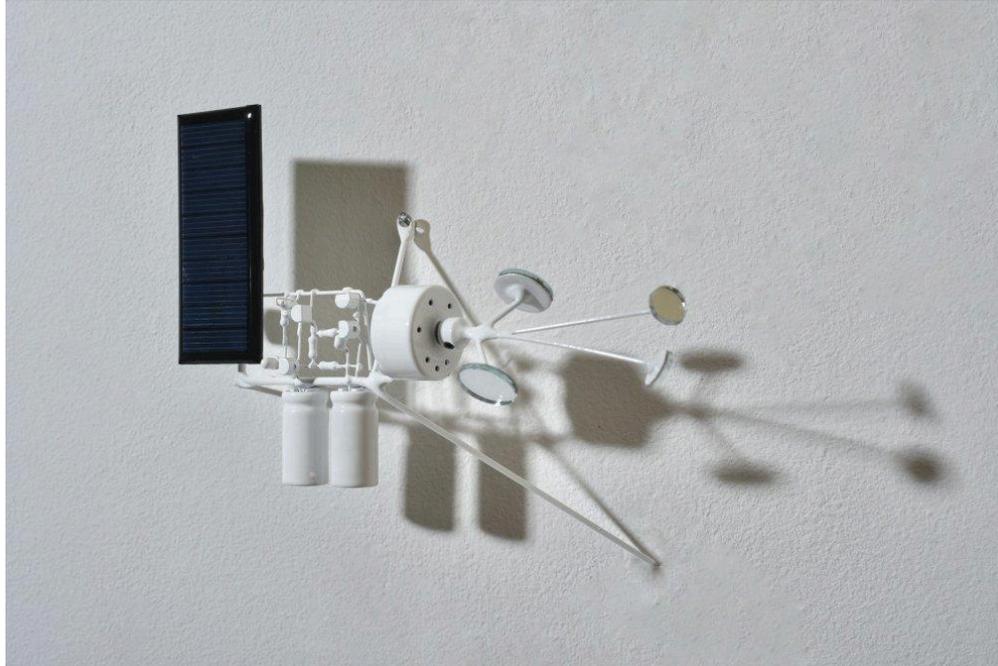
Brass, automotive paint, mirrors, solar panel, motor, electronics

7 1/2 x 4 3/8 x 5 1/2 in / 19 x 11 x 14 cm

\$ 2,000.00

**Description**

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**Björn Schülke**

*Mirror Machine #45*, 2024

Brass, automotive paint, mirrors, solar panel, motor, electronics

5 1/2 x 4 3/4 x 3 1/8 in / 14 x 12 x 8 cm

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**Björn Schülke**

*Light Magnetic Machine #4*, 2024

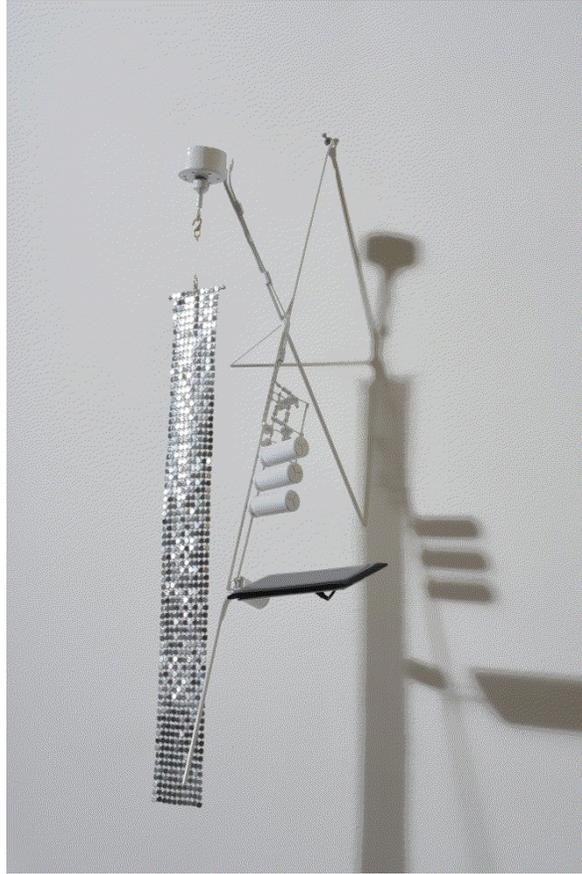
Brass, carbon, automotive paint, magnets, solar panels, motor, electronics

12 5/8 x 5 1/2 x 5 1/2 in / 32 x 14 x 14 cm

\$ 3,500.00

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**Björn Schülke**

*Glitter Machine #3, 2024*

Brass, aluminum, automotive paint, solar panel, motor, electronics

5 1/2 x 13 3/8 x 4 3/4 in / 14 x 34 x 12.1 cm

\$ 3,500.00

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**Björn Schülke**

*Mirror Machine #43*, 2024

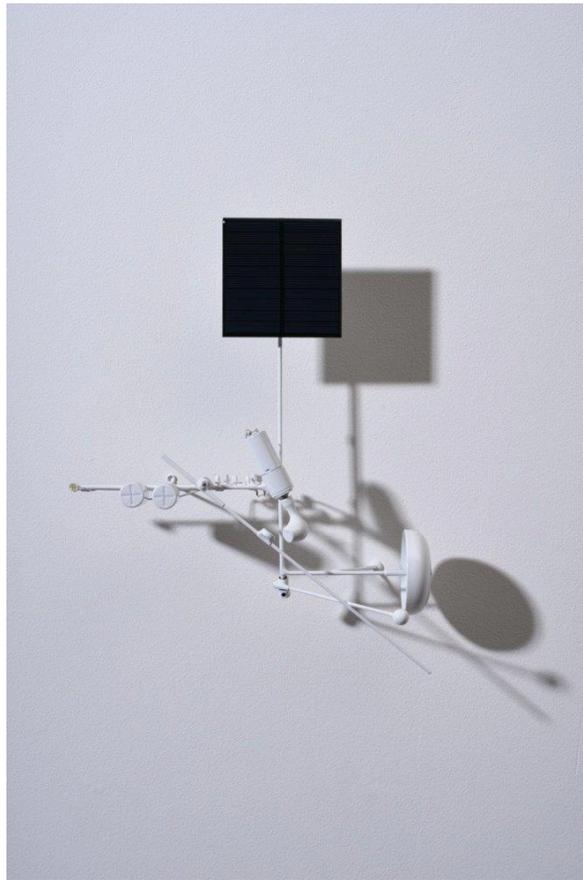
Brass, steel, automotive paint, mirrors, solar panel, motor, electronics

14 5/8 x 6 3/4 x 5 1/8 in / 37 x 17 x 13 cm

\$ 3,500.00

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**Björn Schülke**

*Solar Magnetic Bell, 2022*

Brass, steel, magnet, paint, solar panel, electronic, motor, LED

11.8 x 9.5 x 3.9 in / 30 x 24 x 10 cm

\$ 4,500.00

**Description**

*Solar Magnetic Bell* presents a subtle, yet kinetic experience that culminates in a moment of surprise and tension—the ringing of a bell. Through a series of actions triggered by motors powered by solar energy, Schülke's sculpture acts through phases of quiet suspicion and resounding accomplishment.



**Björn Schülke**

*Mirror Machine #39, 2022*

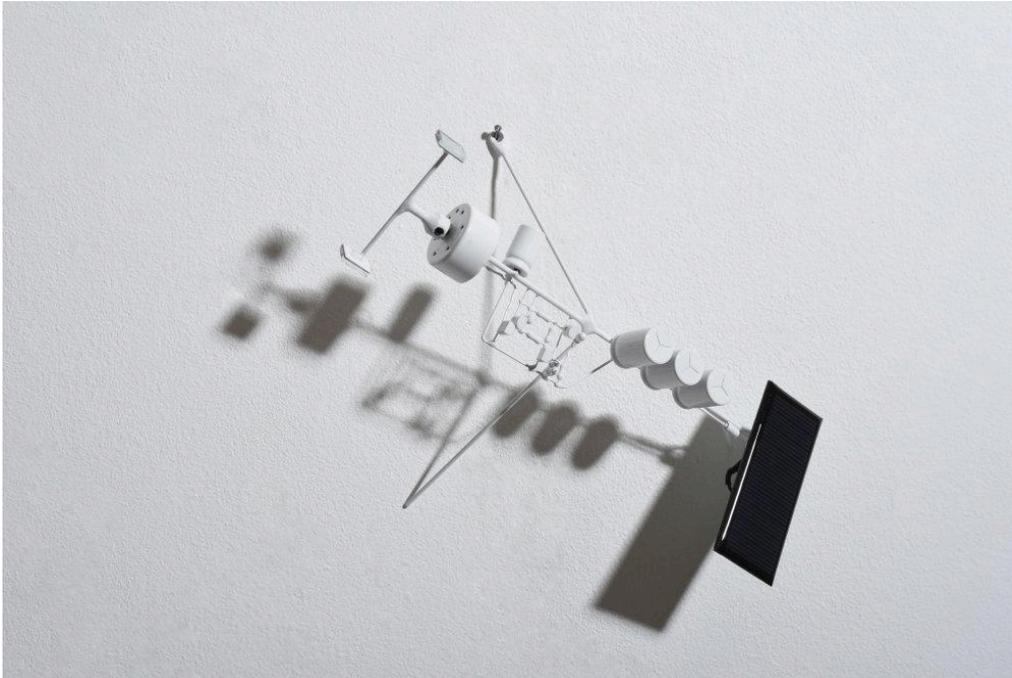
Solar panel, motor, electronics, brass, paint, mirrors

7.9 x 3.5 x 2.8 in / 20 x 9 x 7 cm

\$ 3,000.00

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**Björn Schülke**

*Mirror Machine #46, 2024*

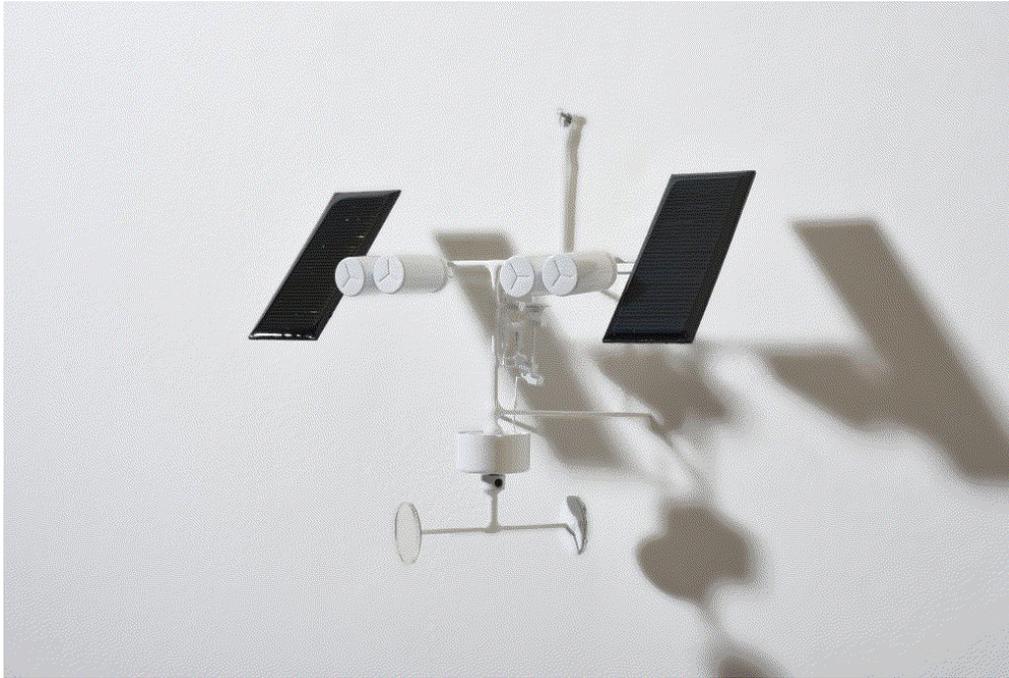
Brass, automotive paint, mirrors, solar panel, motor, electronics

8 5/8 x 5 1/2 x 3 1/8 in / 22 x 14 x 8 cm

\$ 2,500.00

**Description**

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**Björn Schülke**

*Mirror Machine #47*, 2024

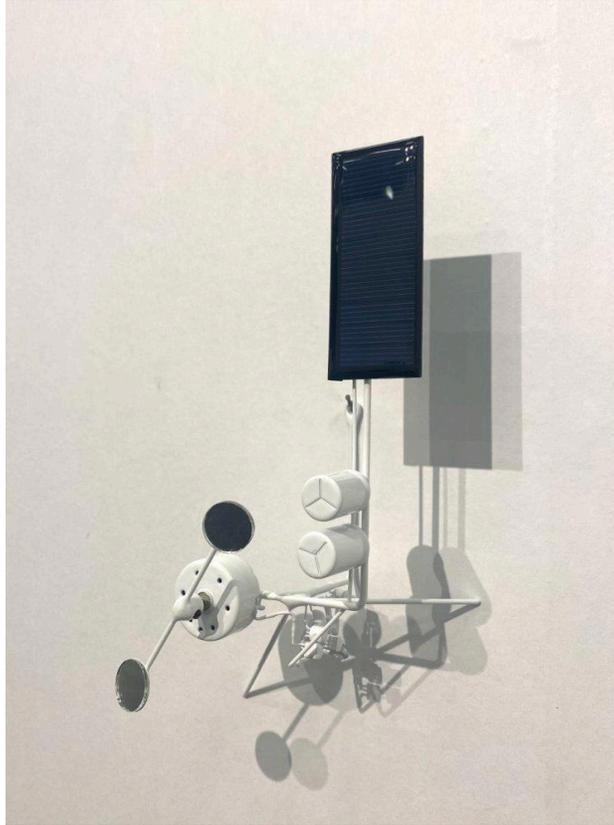
Brass, automotive paint, mirrors, solar panels, motor, electronics

7 1/8 x 5 7/8 x 3 1/8 in / 18 x 15 x 8 cm

\$ 2,500.00

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**Björn Schülke**

*Mirror Machine #37, 2022*

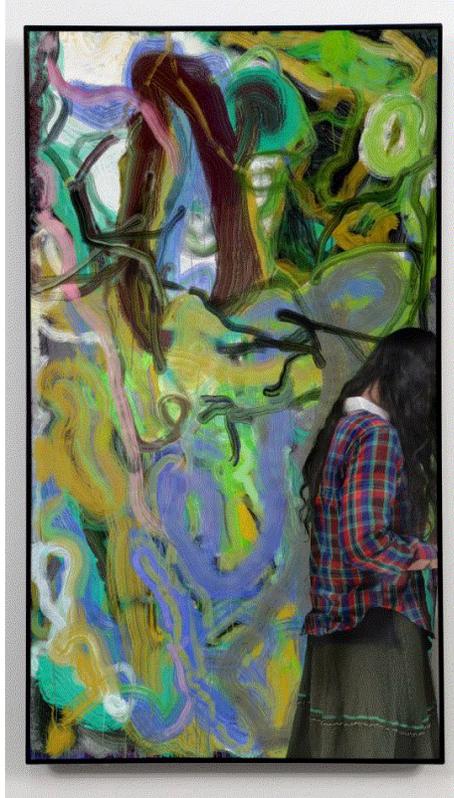
Solar panel, motor, electronics, brass, paint, mirrors

7.9 x 3.5 x 2.8 in / 20 x 9 x 7 cm

\$ 3,000.00

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**Siebren Versteeg**

*Untitled (ZOE)*, 2024

Custom software (color, silent), screen or projector

41.7 x 74.1 in / 105.8 x 188.2 cm (85 in screen)

Edition of 3, 1 AP

\$ 45,000.00, screen additional

**Description**

**Video Documentation:** <https://vimeo.com/1011677634>

*Untitled (ZOE)* is a real-time screen painting that is foregrounded by a figure positioned just outside the frame, yet in front of the ever-evolving canvas. Versteeg's custom-coded algorithm continuously reshapes painterly abstraction stroke by stroke, triggering infinite states of color and composition alongside the mysterious figure. *Untitled (ZOE)* continues the composition device Rückenfigur, meaning back figure, in a contemporary nod to Andrew Wyeth's *Christina's World*. Versteeg questions if the collision of figure and abstraction is an insight into a protagonist's interior landscape or a deft commentary on the increasingly bewildering technological conditions of the 21st century.



**Marina Zurkow**

*Crucible for crumpling and folding*, 2022

Archival print on Tesuki Washi Echizen

38 x 26 in / 96.5 x 66 cm

Edition 1 of 3, 1 AP

\$ 5,500.00, framed

**Description**

Marina Zurkow's *Crucible* series urges a conversation between individual and global moments, touching on intimate aspects of this relationship. The porous connection between a lived experience to the far-reaching environment is portrayed through domestic, material manifestations. The artist's own souvenirs, inherited objects, and hand-built ceramics interface with instances of environmental disaster and geo-planetary disruption. *Crucible for crumpling and folding* uses NASA's image Argentina's Talampya Natural Park, a region known for fossils from the Triassic Period. A stone souvenir from Hampi, India, a dead tick, a Japanese Netsuke rabbit, and a gifted Chinese bowl interface as a mysterious amalgamation on top of the landscape.



**Marina Zurkow**

*Deathwork (Roots and Aquifer)*, 2024

Digital print on Kozo Thick 110 gsm paper

90 x 36 in / 228.6 x 91.4 cm

Edition of 3, 1 AP (#1/3)

\$9,500.00, frame additional

**Description**

Marina Zurkow's *Deathwork* series was originally motivated by the threat of AI inciting the fabled "death of the author." In an investigation of this notion, the artist began composing unlikely formations that merged visual histories, morbidity, and landscape elements through sustained improvisations in collaboration with AI. Dall-e's rich database of East Asian imagery mingled with Zurkow's own experiences and influences as skies and horizons assembled into topographic scrolls. Works within this series originate through unimaginable associations of errors and victories. All three of the works feature lively substrate—in these works, soil—which, in many ways is unseeable and unknowable without technologies or imaginations. These "soil profiles" (portraits) are full of magic and also pollution, debris, and mutations. *Deathwork (Roots and Aquifer)* was visually inspired by Anselm Kiefer's works on paper. The work speculates on the underground life beneath entangled root systems, a mythic aquifer where garbage, turtles, reeds, and fish play far beneath the possible.