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Patrick Strzelec

Gary Snyder Gallery is pleased to announce *Patrick Strzelec*, an exhibition of sculptures at **529 West 20th Street**. Opening on June 20, 2013, the exhibition is the artist's first in New York in over a decade. Seven of the artist's meticulously crafted mixed media sculptures will be on view, as well as a selection of preparatory drawings. A fully illustrated catalogue will accompany the exhibition, with an essay by Jenny Moore.

The exhibition and its accompanying publication offer a detailed view of the artist's work since 2011, a period of intense formal and technical innovation for the artist. Over the past three years, Strzelec has created a remarkable body of abstract sculpture in an incredibly diverse range of materials—aluminum, ceramic, epoxy, plaster, steel, and wood, to name a few. Works in the exhibition such as *Playin' the Ink* (2012), *Block Head* (2013), and *Smoke Rings* (2013) demonstrate Strzelec's mastery of these materials, as well as his unique ability to transform them into highly charismatic—albeit somewhat inscrutable—objects and forms. Wry humor and, above all, personality are pervasive qualities of the artist's work. They link him to a tradition of painting and sculpture that includes artists as diverse as the Chicago Imagists, Bill Bollinger, Eva Hesse, Ralph Humphrey, and Richard Serra.



Playin' the Ink (2012)



Block Head (2013)



Smoke Rings (2013)

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Born in Chicago in 1956, Patrick Strzelec received his BFA from Southern Illinois University and his MFA from Rutgers, State University of New Jersey. Since 1990, he has exhibited his work internationally—first with Barbara Toll Fine Arts (1990, 1991, 1992, New York) and later with Jay Grimm Gallery (2000, 2002, New York), OH + T Gallery (2002, 2004, 2006, Boston), Michael Schultz (2006, Berlin), and Galerie Rackey, (2007, Bad Honnef, Germany).

Gary Snyder Gallery is pleased to represent Patrick Strzelec.

Patrick Strzelec will be on view at **Gary Snyder Gallery, 529 West 20th Street** (between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues), through **Friday, July 26, 2013**. During the month of June, the gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. After July 4, the gallery begins summer hours—Monday through Friday, 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. For more information, **please contact Garth Greenan at (212) 929-1351, or email garth@garysnyderart.com**.

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