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Richard Van Buren: New Sculpture

Gary Snyder Gallery is pleased to announce Richard Van Buren: New Sculpture, an exhibition of new works in thermoplastic at 529 West 20th Street. Opening on November 10, 2011, the exhibition is Van Buren’s first in a New York gallery in almost ten years. Eighteen of the artist’s swirling abstract sculptures will be on view, including a thirteen-foot wall piece, Botticelli’s Revenge (2011), and Walking with Garth (2011), a twenty-four-foot floor piece—Van Buren’s largest and most ambitious works to date. A fully illustrated catalogue will accompany the exhibition, with an essay by Klaus Kertess.

The exhibition and its accompanying publication offer an in-depth look at the artist’s work over the past three years—Technicolor biomorphs in thermoplastic and acrylic paint, adorned with natural materials. Works in the exhibition such as Rogue Bluffs (2010), Gatekeeper (2011), and Olongapo (2011) illustrate Van Buren’s continued fascination with the relationship between natural/organic forms and man-made/inorganic materials. For decades, this has proven fertile terrain for Van Buren. His densely layered sculptures of cast fiberglass resin impregnated with various materials were fixtures of the late-twentieth-century New York art world.

From 1967 to 1988, he taught in the Sculpture Department at the School of Visual Arts. In 1988, he began teaching at the Parsons School of Design. He remained at Parsons until September 2001. Van Buren lives and works in Perry, Maine.


Van Buren’s work is featured in the collections of major museums around the world, including: the Art Institute of Chicago; the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; the Museum of Modern Art; the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.; the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra; the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; the Smithsonian American Art Museum; the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; and the Walker Art Center.

Gary Snyder Gallery is pleased to represent Richard Van Buren.

*Richard Van Buren: New Sculpture* will be on view at Gary Snyder Gallery, 529 West 20th Street (between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues), through **Saturday, December 17, 2011**. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 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.**