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'Hurts To Laugh' at Various Small Fires, Los Angeles



'Hurts To Laugh'. Installation View (Courtesy: Various Small Fires)

Various Small Fires is hosting an exhibition, titled “Hurts To Laugh” at the gallery’s Los Angeles location.

Curated by Sarah Lehrer-Graiwer the exhibition brings together works by seven artists- Sascha Braunig, David Gilbert , Jay Heikes , D'Ette Nogle , Carol Rama , Lee Relvas , and Claude Wampler- creating a theme that balances precariously between pity and absurd moments of fun. The featured artists bring in their diverse practice that address to these notions through different mediums, such as, Sascha Braunig’s paintings and drawings reflect upon illusion and the surface of the represented subject; while David Gilbert’s photographic representation of precarious, delicate situations keep the viewers guessing on how long until a teetering installation collapses before the

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moment it is captured. Yale graduate and Minneapolis-based artist Jay Heikes' (b. 1975) heterogeneous practice involving various mediums depicts activating stories, humor, and irony in a cyclical meditation; while Los Angeles-based D'Ette Nogle's works are characterized by her personal memories described through various mediums. Self-taught Italian artist Carol Rama's works explore the notions of sexuality through different materials and mediums; while Lee Relvas' recent works involving linear wood pieces evoke a formal connection to writing; and Claude Wampler's installation blares disco music and lights when a viewer trips a motion-activated sensor, evoking notions of political moment treated with a sort of caustic humor that acknowledges bad feelings associated with it.

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