"BLACKBOXING"

17 January - 21 February 2016

Why is it so difficult to measure, with any precision, the mediating role of techniques? Because the action that we are trying to measure is subject to blackboxing, a process that makes the joint production of actors and artifacts entirely opaque. Daedalus's maze shrouds itself in secrecy. Can we open the labyrinth and count what is inside?

- Bruno Latour, Pandora's Hope. Harvard, 1999

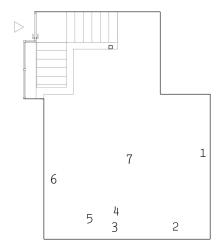
The humor of the phrase 'in one ear and out the other' implies that the processing inside our grey matter is nil, that the information entered but was neither retained nor transformed. In computer science I/O is a term that refers to input / output. It is computation at its most fundamental: information is inputted, and information is outputted. What transpires between the I and O is the processing. Be it an onboard flight recorder or the computer that's in your pocket, what takes place between the ears, the stuff of processing, is critical. When Robert Morris placed a naked self portrait into a wall-mounted assemblage called I-Box, 1962, the grin that's on his face seems to say: the heart of all subject matter is the self. The act of processing, or technique, in Latour's parlance, is veiled by blackboxing, the stuff of myth, of incomprehension of how something came into being. How was it created? Where did it come from? What does it do? Perhaps inside Daedalus's maze lies the unintelligible source of all beauty: ourselves?

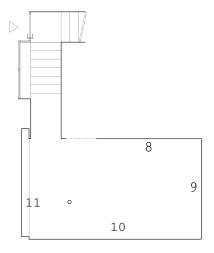
The exhibition will center around a black, enameled aluminum, tete-a-tete by Donald Judd, created in his lifetime. Minimalism's use of industrial materials is arguably its greatest influence, whether or not Judd would have approved (I often think of Judd rolling around in his simple pine casket in Marfa at every indiscreet use of his name or supposed influence). This commanding sculptural object, all but alien to the world of functional furniture, is an I/O device, just as it could be argued that every object of human creation, even a cellphone, is an I/O device. Latour argues, "When a machine runs efficiently, when a matter of fact is settled, one need focus only on its inputs and outputs and not on its internal complexity. Thus, paradoxically, the more science and technology succeed, the more opaque and obscure they become." Blackboxing foils understanding; it is that which we cannot grasp as we consider an object's function or complicate it with meaning; it is the ineluctable enigma of uniqueness, the je ne sais quoi of creation.

BRUCE CONNER / HANNE DARBOVEN / OLIVIA ERLANGER / HOLLIS FRAMPTON / COOPER JACOBY / DONALD JUDD / TOBIAS MADISON / JULIEN MONNERIE / DAN SHAW-TOWN

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Upstairs:

- (1) TOBIAS MADISON <u>Untitled</u> 2015 wood, polyurethane, iodine, varnish 41.7 x 41.7 inches TM1501
- (2) COOPER JACOBY <u>Deposits (Lost Sleep)</u> 2015 silkscreen on lead, inkjet print on acetate, UV resistant epoxy resin, aluminum panel 16.9 x 44.8 x 5.5 inches CJ1501
- (3) HANNE DARBOVEN Untitled 1973 ink on paper 15 x 19.5 inches HD7301
- (4) HOLLIS FRAMPTON She Was (a.k.a Terry) n.d. xerograph 15 x 19.25 inches HFND02
- (5) BRUCE CONNER Untitled Drawing 1997 ink on paper in artist's frame 11 x 12 inches BC9701
- (6) TOBIAS MADISON <u>Untitled</u> 2015 wood, polyurethane, iodine, varnish 50.8 x 45 inches TM1502

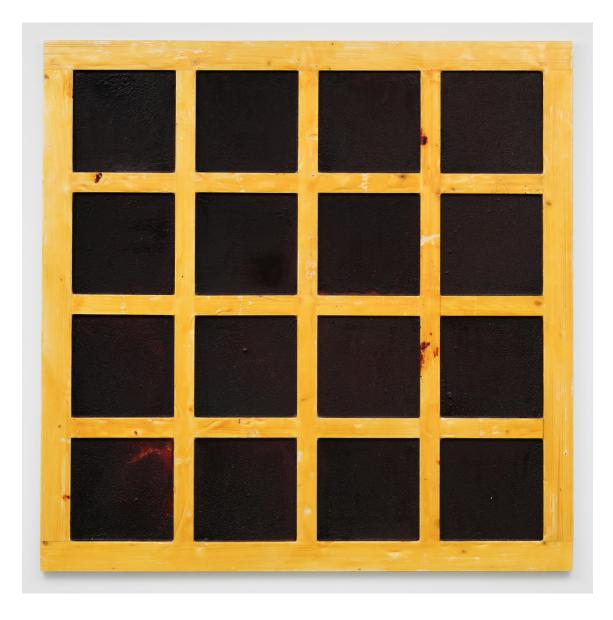
(7) DONALD JUDD Seat/Table/Shelf/Seat #59 1989 enameled aluminum 29.5 x 58 x 19.7 inches DJ8901

Downstairs:

- (8) JULIEN MONNERIE <u>Manchette</u> 2016 acrylic on canvas, cufflinks 39.4 x 26.8 inches JM1601
- (9) OLIVIA ERLANGER End Day Deferred 2016 resin cardboard model, wool, HDU Foam, silicone, cement, plexi, steel, pins 48 x 52 x 12 inches OE1601
- (10) DAN SHAW-TOWN <u>Untitled</u> 2016 graphite, enamel, wax, wall bandage, joint compound and glue on aluminum panel with hardware 42 x 90 inches DST1601

Window:

(11) JULIEN MONNERIE JM 2015 silkscreen on panel 31.5 x 31.5 inches JM1501



TOBIAS MADISON <u>Untitled</u> 2015 wood, polyurethane, iodine, varnish 50.8 x 44.9 inches

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COOPER JACOBY <u>Deposits (Lost Sleep)</u> 2015 silkscreen on lead, inkjet print on acetate, UV resistant epoxy resin, aluminum panel 16.9 x 44.8 x x 5.5 inches

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HANNAH DARBOVEN <u>Untitled</u> 1973 ink on paper 14.9 x 19.6 inches

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HOLLIS FRAMPTON <u>She Was (a.k.a Terry)</u> n.d. xerograph framed 15 x 19.25 inches

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BRUCE CONNER <u>Untitled Drawing</u> 1997 ink on paper in artist's frame 11 x 12.125 inches

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TOBIAS MADISON <u>Untitled</u> 2015 wood, polyurethane, iodine, varnish 41.73 x 41.73 inches

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DONALD JUDD <u>Seat/Table/Shelf/Seat #59</u> 1989 enameled aluminum, hardware 29.5 x 58 x 19.7 inches

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JULIEN MONNERIE <u>Manchette</u> 2016 acrylic on canvas, cufflinks 39.4 x 26.8 inches

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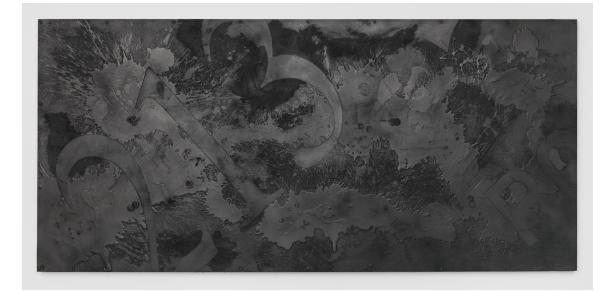
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OLIVIA ERLANGER <u>End Day Deferred</u> 2016 resin cardboard model, wool, HDU Foam, silicone, cement, plexi, steel, pins 48 x 52 x 12 inches

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DAN SHAW-TOWN <u>Untitled</u> 2016 graphite, enamel, wax, wall bandage, joint compound and glue on aluminum panel with hardware 42 x 90 inches

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JULIEN MONNERIE <u>JM</u> 2015 powder-coated silkscreen on medium, marble dust 31.5 x 31.5 inches Edition 2 / 3

JM1501 €2,000 EUR

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