

FAVORITE GOODS

001 - Ryan Kitson, Matthais Merkel-Hess, Maria Walker

October 8 – November 5, 2011

Opening: Saturday, October 8th, 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Favorite Goods is proud to announce it's inaugural exhibition, *001*, consisting of work by Ryan Kitson, Matthias Merkel-Hess, and Maria Walker.

Severed sections of cane strung through twisted and knotted rope, Ryan Kitson's wall sculptures invoke a playful tension while also experimenting with fundamental forms. Merkel-Hess's work is a dialogue with the history of ceramics and pottery while also exploring the relation of materiality to the maker's hand and body. Literally pushing beyond the canvas, Maria Walker's paintings, like Kitson's work, investigates its own form through structure and paint application. These works share a directness that allow the viewer to see inside the artist's process and practice. This is Maria Walker and Ryan Kitson's first exhibition in Los Angeles.

Ryan Kitson (b. 1977, Mt. View, CA) lives and works in Brooklyn, New York. His work has been shown at Wallspace, New York, Rare Gallery, New York, NJ MOCA, New Jersey, as well as internationally in Milan, Berlin and Vienna. He received his BFA in 2001 from Southern Oregon University.

Matthias Merkel-Hess (b. 1978, Cedar Rapids, Iowa) received his MFA from University of California, Los Angeles in 2010. His work has been exhibited at ACME, Los Angeles, Salon 94, New York, Steve Turner Contemporary, Los Angeles. His line of dishes, MerkelWare, can be found at IKO IKO, Los Angeles. Merkel-Hess lives and works in Los Angeles.

Maria Walker lives and works in Brooklyn, New York. She received her MFA from Tyler School of Art in 2006 and a BA from Brown University in 2002. Walker's work has been included in shows at Nudashank, Baltimore, Vox Populi, Philadelphia, ARTBLOG ARTBLOG, New York. She recently completed a residency at Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture.

For more information, please contact Audrey Moyer or Ryan Fabel at info@favoritegoodslosangeles.com. Gallery hours are Thursday 6 – 10pm, and Saturday 12 -5pm

Favorite Goods is located at 936 1/2 Chung King Road in Los Angeles's Chinatown. The space is dedicated to being a platform for ideas, artists, curators, and creativity. Through exhibitions, performances, and collaborations we seek to be a conduit for critical dialogue as well as a social space connecting artists and audiences from a local to international level.