

## David Cotterrell: Buffet d'Art (Berlin)

Venue: Meinblau Projektraum, Kunsthaus Meinblau, Berlin

Curators: Peggy Atherton, Maria Bartolo, Ben Joiner, Teena Lange and Chiara Valci Mazzara

Date: 31st March 2016

Co-exhibitors:

Gustavo Ferro, Veronika Seifert, Maria Bartolo, Dolanbay, Doug Fishbone, Marcia Farquahar, Gayle Chong Kwan, Ben Joiner, Stuart Cumberland, Judith Dean, David Donald, Francis Upritchard, Luke Gottelier, Robert Rush, Kerry Stewart, Eric Bainbridge, Holly Hendry, David Mabb, Kitty Finer, Phil Allen, Brendan Lynch, Rachel Lowther, Edwina Ashton, Demelza Watts, Jo Addison, Louise Ashcroft, Georgina Starr, Peggy Atherton, Flora Parrott, Lucy Joyce, Katie Cuddon, Ian Kiaer, Renata Bandeira, Sharone Lifschitz, Justin Fitzpatrick, Mark Wilsher, Des Hughes, Annie Davey, Peter McDonald, Keith Wilson, Fabian Peake, Raine Smith, Pip Thompson, Keith Bowler, Pete Owen, Sarah Pucill and Adam Gillam.

Buffet d'Art at Meinblau Projektraum, Kunsthaus Meinblau, Berlin, showcased an array of artists, all of whom were invited to bring along a buffet size piece of work to be perused on a plinth. A melee of mismatched yet aspiring works, some with delusions of grandeur, others grubby with spillage and monotonous repetition, the showcase included sculpture, live art, film, sound, light and painting. An exhibition concept by Peggy Atherton and Maria Bartolo, Buffet d'Art was set to a medley of smooth and relaxing music by Brendan Lynch, designed to whet the senses and heighten the experience of these buffet-inspired memories.

Cotterrell's *The Wall*, within the touring exhibition Buffet d'Art, is a playful interaction with debates regarding walls, borders and xenophobic paranoia and consists of a home installable table-top defensive barrier. Supplied complete with a selection of culturally diverse miniature figurines, the domestic user is invited to determine where to draw their dinner-time boundary and who would be allowed into their defensive perimeter. This 1:100 scale version did not yet incorporate Trump's 'Big beautiful door', so the choice of who the 'good ones' were to be allowed in had to be a more definitive statement. Future versions may incorporate angrier crowds, fatigued travellers, despairing children and a selection of ladders and missiles.



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*Buffet d'art*

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 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 2 - 7 p.m.

Opening 31 March 6.00pm  
 Exhibition Open : 01 - 10 April  
 With thanks to: Tessa Lange and Chiara Valci Mazzara

Jo Addison	Luke Cotteler
Phil Allen	RJ Horvath
Louise Ashcroft	Zoe Hughes
Peggy Atkinson	Aija Huch
Maria Bartolo	Ben Jones
Karina Bandeira	Stavros Efessis
Keith Bowler	Brendan Lynch
Jana J. Brämmer	Pete Owen
David Cottrell	Sarah Paull
Stuart Cumberland	Robert Rush
Annie Davy	Raine Smith
Judith Dean	Kerry Stewart
Dolan Day	Pop Thompson
Marcia Farquhar	Dorelia Watts
Kitty Finner	Mark Wilber
Donny Fubione	Keith Wilson

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