

## PEOPLE

FEBRUARY 9 - APRIL 6, 2019

925 NORTH ORANGE DRIVE, LOS ANGELES

More than fifty standing, sitting and hanging figurative sculptures will fill Jeffrey Deitch's new Los Angeles gallery from February 9 – April 6, 2019. The artists in the show span several generations from the 1980s to the present, with an emphasis on ~~the new~~ <sup>the new</sup> generation.

All of the works in the exhibition reflect a contemporary approach to sculpture inspired by the innovations of Dada, Surrealism, Assemblage and by the influence of non- or meta- art sources like department store mannequins. Only one work in the show is carved or modeled in the traditional way. Some are made from body casts, others are constructed with found objects and only a few use conventional sculptural materials like bronze.



The works in the exhibition reflect the diversity of the artists who created them and the diversity of the people who the sculptures represent. The styles range from hyperrealism to allegory. The subjects range from ordinary individuals to creatures of fantasy. The works explore the uncanny confrontation of the artificial and the real while simultaneously responding to the multiple approaches to human identity in the contemporary world.

Many of the works in the show have a performative quality and one of the featured works, Narcissister's *Totem*, will be activated with live performance during the opening week. In keeping with the aesthetic direction of the show, it is unclear which of the figures in her *Totem* are live and which are not.

*People* is an expansion of an exhibition presented in Jeffrey Deitch's New York gallery in May 2018. The show also extends the theme of the Metropolitan Museum's 2018 *Like Life* exhibition to encompass a younger generation of artists. *People* is especially inspired by Mike Kelley's influential exhibition and book project, *The Uncanny* from 1993. The show also builds on Deitch's 1992 book and exhibition, *Post Human*.

Artists included in *People* are:

John Ahearn  
Pawel Althamer

David Altmejd  
Vanessa Beecroft  
Frank Benson  
Ashley Bickerton  
Nick Cave  
Monster Chetwynd  
Liz Craft  
Karon Davis  
Raúl De Nieves  
Rachel Feinstein  
Urs Fischer  
Luis Flores  
Isa Genzken  
Vanessa German  
Katie Grinnan  
Duane Hanson  
Evan Holloway  
Christian Holstad  
Thomas Houseago  
Alex Israel  
Elizabeth Jaeger  
Renaud Jerez  
Josh Kline  
Jeff Koons  
Austin Lee  
Tau Lewis  
Sarah Lucas  
Tony Matelli  
Paul McCarthy  
Barry McGee  
Matthew Monahan  
Narcissister  
Ruby Neri  
Simphiwe Nzube  
Rob Pruitt  
Alison Saar  
Kiki Smith  
Hajime Sorayama  
Katie Stout  
Rigoberto Torres  
Anna Uddenberg  
Stewart Uoo  
Fred Wilson

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