

ISSUE Project Room - Artists-In-Residence 2015

DAWN KASPER: WISH WANT WISH

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Emily Harvey Foundation, 537 Broadway #2, New York

Organized by Lawrence Kumpf



Photo: Dawn Kasper, &sun& or THE SHAPE OF TIME, 2015, ADN Collection, Bolzano, Italy, Photograph by Claire Waterworth

“There are two tragedies in life. One is to lose your heart's desire. The other is to gain it.”— George Bernard Shaw, *Man and Superman*

ISSUE Project Room presents Dawn Kasper's *WISH WANT WISH*, a new improvisational performance composition evoking historical references to the philosophy of desire. Objects, storytelling, and sound function as a social sculpture explored in duration. Musical instruments and props reveal patterns drawn between theoretical questions of desire. Documentation becomes data collection; data collection becomes composition; composition becomes sound; sound then becomes archived. The residue of the performance action remains.

Dawn Kasper is a New York based interdisciplinary artist working in performance, installation, sculpture, drawing, photography, video and sound. Her work emerges out of a fascination with existentialism, subjects of vulnerability, desire, and the construction of meaning. Kasper often critiques the corporatized aspects of culture by examining the emotions most commonly manipulated by

advertisers and media such as fear, panic, hate, envy, lust and anxiety. Creating scenes that double as a platform for living sculpture, Kasper performs in a structured yet spontaneous manner using props, costume, comedy, gesture, extreme physicality, repetition, and monologue. Her work has been exhibited widely; The Migros Museum, Zurich (2005), Human Resources, LA (2011), Tramway, Glasgow (2012), 2012 Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, NY (2012), David Lewis, NY (2014), ADN Collection, Bolzano, Italy (2014), Redling Fine Art, LA (2015), Tang Museum, Skidmore College, NY (2015) and Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, OR (2015). Kasper is represented by Redling Fine Art in Los Angeles and David Lewis in New York.

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