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DOIS

CARLOS BEVILACQUA

Simon Preston Gallery is pleased to present Carlos Bevilacqua in his first solo show in New York, which will open on Sunday, May 9, and run until Sunday, June 27.

For this exhibition, Bevilacqua will show a combination of floor sculptures, hanging mobiles and wall works constructed from rudimentary materials such as wood, wire, glass and beads. The title of the show *Dois* (Two) implies the existence of dual elements in both a continuous dialogue and reciprocal exploration.

At times, the title of a sculpture uses the prefix *Ek*, to mean 'out of', as part of a more complex term derived from the Ancient Greek *Ek-stasis*, "to be or stand outside oneself". For the artist, to exist outside any physical or figurative context allows for clearer and deeper examination of a newly arisen condition. The result is a harmony or, as according to Hegel, a synthesis that solves the conflict between the thesis and its antithesis. Bevilacqua aims to formalize this new synthesis through his rigorous balance and juxtaposition of materials, without the use of either glue nor welding agents. What at first appear to be modest experiments in material and form become complex assemblages, exposing fragility and vulnerability through physical properties such as tension, gravity, balance and resistance.

Carlos Bevilacqua studied at the New York Studio School in 1991-93. In 2006, he exhibited a series of works in collaboration with Ernesto Neto at Galeria Fortes Vilaça in São Paulo and recently held his second solo exhibition at the gallery in 2010. He showed previously at the gallery in 2008 in a two-person exhibition with Jessica Mein.

The gallery is located at 301 Broome Street between Forsyth and Eldridge. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 to 6. The nearest subway stops are Grand Street on the B/D lines and Delancey Street on the F/J/M/Z line. For more information please contact office@simonprestongallery.com or call +1 212 431 1105.
