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# DANIEL TURNER

Born 1983 in Portsmouth, VA, USA  
Lives and works in New York, NY, USA

EDUCATION

2001 – 2006 BFA San Francisco Art Institute, CA, USA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Parrasch Heijnen Gallery, Anne Truitt / Daniel Turner, Los Angeles, CA, USA (two person)  
Galerie Allen, Daniel Turner, Paris, France  
Confort Moderne, (IPN), Poitiers, France
- 2017 Karma Amagansett, Three Movements (Bronze) no.3, Amagansett, New York, NY, USA  
Karma Amagansett, Three Movements (Bronze) no.2, Amagansett, New York, NY, USA
- 2016 KÖNIG GALERIE, St. Agnes Nave, Particle Processed Cafeteria, Berlin, Germany  
Parrasch Heijnen Gallery, Daniel Turner, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
Franklin Parrasch Gallery, 110/120, New York, NY, USA  
Corbett vs. Dempsey, Daniel Turner, Chicago, IL, USA  
Karma Amagansett, Three Movements (Bronze) no.1, Amagansett, New York, NY, USA  
Museum of America Books (MoAb), RH 21/2 RH 1, Brooklyn, New York, NY, USA
- 2015 KÖNIG GALERIE, St. Agnes Chapel, Berlin, Germany  
New Positions: KÖNIG GALERIE, Daniel Turner, Cologne, Germany
- 2014 The Chinati Foundation, Daniel Turner, Marfa, TX, USA  
Team Gallery, PM, New York, NY, USA  
And Now, Daniel Turner, Dallas, TX, USA  
Objectif Exhibitions, 2 220, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2013 Bischoff Projects, Daniel Turner, Frankfurt, Germany  
Franklin Parrasch Gallery, Daniel Turner, New York, NY, USA
- 2012 The Journal Gallery, Daniel Turner, Brooklyn, NY, USA  
White Cube, Inside the White Cube, Daniel Turner, London, UK  
Franklin Parrasch Gallery, John McCracken + Daniel Turner, New York, NY, USA (two person)
- 2011 The Journal Gallery, Mariana, Brooklyn, NY, USA  
Pianissimo Gallery, Britannica, Milan, Italy  
Martos Gallery, Colin Snapp/Daniel Turner, New York, NY (two person)
- 2010 Jericho Ditch, Community Sculpture Seminar, Isle of Wight, VA, USA  
Jericho Ditch, Daniel Turner, Isle of Wight, VA, USA
- 2003 The Rawls Museum of Art, Daniel Turner, Courtland, VA, USA
- 2001 Old Dominion University Fine Arts Center, Daniel Turner, Norfolk, VA, USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Eleven Madison Park Commission, Eleven Madison Park, New York, USA
- 2016 Kunstmuseum Thun, Die Kräfte Hinter Den Formen, Thun Switzerland (catalog)  
Moscow International Biennale 5, Becoming Each Other, Trehgornaya Manufatura, Moscow, Russia  
Istituto Svizzero, Riviera:Etudes, Milan, Italy  
Laura Bartlet Gallery, Under a Fallen Sky, London, UK  
Kunstmuseum Krefeld, Museen Haus Esters und Haus Lange, Die Kräfte Hinter Den Formen, Krefeld, Germany  
Franklin Parrasch Gallery, Burning Small Fires, New York, NY, USA
- 2015 Synchrotron Radiation Center, Condensed Matter Community Stoughton, WI, USA  
Galerie im Taxispalais, Die Kräfte Hinter Den Formen, Innsbruck, Austria  
KÖNIG GALERIE, Material, Berlin, Germany  
McCabe Fine Art, Drip, Drop, Thud, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2014 Hauser & Wirth, Freezer Burn, New York, NY, USA  
Gagosian Gallery, Clear, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
Art | 45 | Basel | Unlimited, Marjore, Basel, Switzerland  
Centre d'Art Contemporain / Fondation Arditis, L'exposition D'un Film, Geneva, Switzerland  
Universite Sorbonne Nouvelle, Eclat Attraction de la Ruine, Paris, France  
Gagosian Gallery, PILAGE / FOLD, Paris, France  
Franklin Parrasch Gallery, Another Culmination, New York, NY, USA  
Dickison Roundell Gallery, Idiosynchronism, New York, NY
- 2013 Columbus College of Art and Design: Canzani Center Gallery, My Crippled Friend, Columbus, OH, USA

- The Dedalus Foundation, Surviving Sandy, Brooklyn, NY, USA  
356 Mission Road, 356 Sculptures, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
Franklin Parrasch Gallery, Eggleston / Turner / McLaughlin, New York, NY, USA  
2012 University of California San Diego, nanomacromega, La Jolla, CA, USA  
White Columns / Venus over Manhattan, Bulletin Boards, New York, NY, USA  
Venus over Manhattan , A Rebours, New York, NY, USA  
Muzeul National de Arta din Cluj-Napoca, Modern Talking, Cluj, Romania  
Massimo De Carlo, New York: Directions, Points of Interest, Milan, Italy  
Virginia Commonwealth University, Anderson Gallery, you, your sun and shadow, Richmond, VA, USA  
2011 The Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Four Rooms, Warsaw, Poland  
Prague Biennale 5, Expanded Painting, Prague, Czech Republic  
White Columns, Perfect Man II, New York, NY, USA  
ReMap 3, Copper Kettle, Athens, Greece  
Jericho Ditch Field Project Space, Isle of Wight, VA, USA  
The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, USA  
The New Museum of Contemporary Art, Flash Light / Festival of Ideas, New York, NY, USA  
Times Square AEO LED Billboard Project, New York, NY, USA  
2010 New Jersey Museum of Contemporary Art, Its all American, Asbury Park, NJ, USA  
Pratt Institute, Something, New York, NY, USA  
Wall Space, Saturn Return, New York, NY, USA  
West Street Gallery, Over Before it Started, New York, NY, USA  
Invisible Exports, Public Service, New York, NY, USA  
John Connelly Presents, (Selections from Untitled Television Show), New York, NY, USA  
Tripple Canopy, (with Infinity Window), Brooklyn, NY, USA  
Brennan Courthouse, Vessel, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
2006 Walter and Mcbean Galleries, The San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA, USA  
2000 The Museum of Contemporary Art, Tribute to Jim Dine, Virginia Beach, VA, USA  
The Chrysler Museum of Art, Selections from GSA, Norfolk, VA, USA  
The Hermitage Foundation, Selections from GSA, Norfolk, VA, USA

#### AWARDS

- 2018 The Pollock-Krasner Foundation Award  
2008 Virginia Museum Of Fine Arts Fellowship Award  
2005 Virginia Museum Of Fine Arts Fellowship Award,  
2004 Virginia Museum Of Fine Arts Fellowship Award

#### RESIDENCIES

- 2018 Confort Moderne, Poitiers, France  
Hauser & Wirth, Artist in Residence, Bruton, UK  
2014 The Chinati Foundation, Artist in Residence, Marfa, TX, USA  
Residences inFormelles, Artist in Residence, Martinique, France  
2009 Visiting Scholar, New York University, New York, NY, USA  
Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's Workspace studio residency program, New York, NY, USA

#### PUBLIC TALKS

- 2018 ESSI, Ecole Européenne Supérieure de l'Image, March 27  
2017 The Syracuse University School of Art, December 7  
2011 The Maryland Institute College of Art, October 22  
2006 The San Francisco Art Institute, May 8  
2001 The Old Dominion University Fine Arts Center, April 1

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 *5150*, Daniel Turner, American Art Catalogs  
*Three Movements (Bronze)*, Karma Books  
*Three Movements (Bronze) LE*, Karma Books
- 2016 *Daniel Turner*, Peninsula Publishing
- 2015 *Marjorie*, Etudes Books  
*Marjorie LE*, Etudes Books
- 2014 *2 220*, Karma Books
- 2013 *Daniel Turner*, Franklin Parrash Gallery
- 2012 *Daniel Turner*, White Cube Gallery

SELECTED PRESS ARTICLES

- 2018 Art News, "Muses: Rita Ackermann and Daniel Turner at Eleven Madison Park", July 27, 2018.  
Art Press, "Expositions Reviews", Erik Verhagen, page 34, Issue 456, June, 2018, ill.  
Art Forum, "Critics Pick", Mara Hoberman, May 22, 2018, ill.  
Gagosian Magazine, "Elemental", Bret Littman, Brad Cloepfil, Daniel Humm, page 136, Spring 2018.  
König Magazine, "Daniel Turner EMP Step", Nils Markwardt, pages 4-11, Issue 2, Spring, 2018, ill.  
ArtInfo, "Daniel Turner at Galerie Allen, Paris", Louise Blouin, May 11, 2018, ill.  
The Art Newspaper, "In Pictures: Notre Selection d'expositions dans les galeries parisiennes", Ed. Francaise, page 10, No.29, April 13, 2018, ill.  
ArchiSTORM, "Le Confort Moderne De Poitiers, Identique Et Different A La Fois", Alexandra Fau, ArchiSTORM #89, Spring 2018.  
Purple Diary: Purple Art, "Daniel Turner Solo Exhibition At Galerie Allen, Paris", Eugénie Devos, April 13, 2018, ill.  
La Nouvelle République, "Potiers: Troiscouches de vernis au Confort Moderne, Laurent Favreuille, April 6, 2018.  
Parisart, "Daniel Turner (IPN), April 6, 2018, ill.  
Radio Pulsar, "Interview with Sarina Basta", April 4, 2018.  
7a Poitiers, "Face to Face", Romain Mudrak Le, April 4, 2018.  
Les Inrockuptibles, "Le tour décrou", Ingrid Luquet-Gad, April 3, 2018, ill.  
The Wall Street Journal, "A Day in the life of Eleven Madison Park Designer Brad Cloepfil", Jennifer Conrad, April 4, 2018.  
La Nouvelle République, "Poitiers: Danbiel Turner cree in situ au Confort Moderne", Laurent Favreuille, March 30, 2018.  
The Art Newspaper, "Flying High with Cyprien Gaillard at Gladstone Gallery", Linda Yablonsky, March 5, 2018.  
La Nouvelle République, "Poitiers: Sarina Basta, globe-trotteuse de l'art contemporain, Laurent Favreuille, February 26, 2018.  
CBS News, "Re-creating Eleven Madison Park, The World's Best Restaurant", Mo Rocca, February 25, 2018.
- 2017 The New York Times, Weekend Arts II, "A Link Between Art and Kitchen", Ted Loos, cover, page C14, October 27, 2017, ill.  
New York Times Magazine, Art & Design, "For the Chef Daniel Humm, Less Is More. On His Wall, Too" Ted Loos, October 24, 2017, ill.  
Tages Anzeiger, "Zwischen Kuchendunst und grosser Kunst", David Schnapp, October 24, 2017.  
Interview Magazine, "how olympia scary employed reincarnation for her latest installation", Pimplo Phongsirivech, October 24, 2017.  
Forbes Magazine, "There's a secrete artwork in the midst of the world's best restaurant", Brienne Walsh, October 24, 2017, ill.  
ArtNet, "The World's Best Chef Let an Artist Melt Down His Kitchen and Make an Artwork Out of It", Sarah Cascone, October 11, 2017, ill.  
Art News, "Step into a New Phase: Eleven Madison Park Makes Art Part of a Fabled Restaurant Setting", Katherine Mc Mahon and Andy Battalia, October, 17, 2017, ill.  
Forbes Magazine, "Inside the Redesign of the World's Best Restaurant: New York's Eleven Madison Park", Kristin Tablang, October 13, 2017.  
Gourmet Traveler, "New York's Eleven Madison Park Has A New Look", Emma Breheny, October 13, 2017.  
Galerie Magazine, "Eleven Madison Park Debutes Incredible Sol LeWitt Room", Jacqueline Terrebbonne, Winter, 2017.  
La Vanguardia, "Así luce el mejor restaurante del mundo después de su reforma", Yaiza Saiz, October 13, 2017.  
Dandelion Chandelier, "eleven madison park gets a smart new makeover", Pamela Thomas-Graham, October 12, 2017, ill.  
Gothamist, "A Step Is Not Just A Step At The Newly Revamped Eleven Madison Park", Nell Casey, October 11, 2017, ill.  
Cool Hunting, "Eleven Madison Park's Discreet New Monumental Art Piece", David Graver, October 16, 2017, ill.  
Lonely Planet, "Take a look inside New York's new Eleven Madison Park restaurant", Regan Stephens, October, 10, 2017, ill.  
Food and Wine, "Everything We Know About the New Eleven Madison Park", Mike Pomranz, October 9, 2017, ill.  
Eater Ny, "5 Most Over-the-Top Earnest Things About Eleven Madison Park's Renovation", Stefanie Tudor, October, 8, 2017, ill.  
News Center / USA News, Jessica Harington, October 7, 2017.  
Architectural Digest, "Eleven Madison Park Reopens with a Swanky New Look", Natasha Wolff, October 6, 2017, ill.  
Eater New York, "Eleven Madison Park Unveils Its Rebooted Space Sunday", Stefanie Tudor, October 6, 2017, ill.  
Gambero Rosso, "Eleven Madison Park, si ricomincia. Il nuovo ristorante di Daniel Humm e Will Guidara", October 6, 2017, ill.  
Art Land, "A Systematic Up-Close Look of Art and Life", interview with Roberto Toscano, October, 7, 2017, ill.  
Interview Magazine, "In conversation with Daniel Turner", Katja Horvat, April 19, 2017, ill.
- 2016 Hyperallergic, "Found Furniture Pulverized into Conceptual Art", Jeffrey Grunthner, October 28, 2016, ill.

- Art Info, "Daniel Turner's Particle Processed Cafeteria at Koenig Galerie, Berlin", October 12, 2016, ill.
- Art Fuse, "Particle Processed Cafeteria by Daniel Turner at König Galerie Berlin", Chloe Steffen, September 26, ill.
- Dapper Dan Magazine, "DAN", Domenico de Chirico, page 160, Autumn / Winter, 2016, ill.
- Etudes Publishing, "Conversations with: Daniel Turner", Grant Schofield, August 2016, ill.
- Die Kräfte Hinter Den Formen / The Forces Behind the Forms: "Geology Matter Process in Contemporary Art", Snoeck, pages 194-195, Jens Risch & Guest, April 2016, ill.
- "Die unendliche Feinheit des Kausalgewebes", exhibition catalog, pages 14-17, Jens Risch, April 2016, ill.
- This is Tomorrow Contemporary Art Magazine, "Under a Falling Sky", Tom Ellmer, April 2016, ill.
- WhiteHot Magazine, "Daniel Turner at Parrasch Heijnen, LA", Jeffrey Grunthner, April 2016, ill.
- ArtNews, "Daniel Turner at Parrasch Heijnen, Los Angeles", April 2016, ill.
- Architectural Digest, "7 Can't Miss Galleries Downtown", John Wogan, March 14, 2016, ill.
- Design Arts Daily, "Contemporary Art on the Upper East Side", Peggy Roalf, February 24, 2016.
- 2015  
Chinati Foundation Newsletter, pages 90, 92, 93, December 2015, ill.
- L'Official Art, "Sociologie de la trace", pages 72-77, N.15, September October 2015, ill.
- Número Homme, "Ich Denke in Moll", interview with Rita Ackermann, pages 184-191, Issue 2, Fall 2015, ill.
- Artspace, "8 Rising Stars to Watch at Expo Chicago", Andrew M. Goldstein, September 19, 2015, ill.
- MARJORIE, published by Etudes Books N 13, edition of 500, 41 pages, 2015.
- NEUE JOURNAL, "Soft as Steel", pages 52-53, interview with Alyse Archer-Coite, Issue 1-Spring 2015, ill.
- New York Times T Magazine, "In the East Village and Soho Orley's Family Values", Marcus Holmlund, June 14, 2015.
- Monopol Magazin, "Neu im Geschäft", pages 112-113, Nr.04, April 2015, ill.
- 2014  
"Freezer Burn", exhibition catalog, Donatien Grau, published by Hauser & Wirth, page 13, November 2014, ill.
- V Magazine, "Art on the Line", Whyatt Allgeier, November 13 2014, ill.
- Gagosian Magazine, "Pilage/Fold", Anne Sauvargues, page 61, September / October 2014, ill.
- Skira Rizzoli, "The Dedalus Foundation / Surviving Sandy", Jack Flam, Phong Bui, pages 25,27,30,31,268,269, September 2014, ill.
- The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, "Daniel Turner: The Gift of Time to Explore His Work", interview with Jenny Harding, Winter 2014, ill.
- UnTitled Project Magazine, "Daniel Turner", Wayne Northcross, issue 7, pages 102,103,104,105, Fall 2014, ill.
- Crush Fanzine, "Interview with Daniel Turner", Khary Simon, auxiliary issue #4, page 188, Fall 2014, ill.
- Kennedy Magazine, Stamatia Dimitrakopouls, page 19, Summer 2014.
- Neue Burcher Beitung, "Das wiedergefundene Kinderzimmer", Philip Meier, page 1, June 18, 2014.
- SFAQ, "In Conversation: Daniel Turner", Courtney Malick, June, 2014, ill.
- Dallas Magazine, "Five Best Art Openings and Events Of The Week", Peter Simek, May 21 2014, ill.
- New York Arts Magazine, "Daniel Turner at Team Gallery", Matthew Hassell, May 2014, ill.
- New York Observer, "5 Artist to Watch", Andrew Russeth, pages 28-29, May 12, 2014, ill.
- Austere, "Daniel Turner at And Now", Sean Hanratty, May 2014, ill.
- ArtNet, "New York Gallery Beat", Jeffrey Grunthner, May 7, 2014, ill.
- The New York Times, "Art Trek: Upper East Side", Roberta Smith, page C31, April 4, 2014.
- The Brooklyn Rail, "In conversation with Phong Bui", Phong Bui, cover, pages 36-40, April, 2014, ill.
- Gallerist NY, "Spring Preview: Top 10 Gallery Shows, Andrew Russeth", March 17, 2014, ill.
- Art Das Kunstmagazine, "Billig und Gut", Sandra Danicke, page 90, February, 2014, ill.
- SFAQ, "SFAQ Review: Los Angeles Art Fairs 2014", Courtney Malick, February, 4, 2014, ill.
- Exhibition catalog, "Idiosynchronisim", published by Dickinson Roundell Inc, essay by Alex Glauber, 45 pages, 2014, ill.
- Art Info, "Les artistes fictifs sèment le doute chez Préface", Par Céline Piettre, January, 14, 2014, ill.
- Novembre Magazine, "Zelda Zonk at Préface Gallery", Timothee Chaillou, January, 2014, ill.
- 2013  
The New York Times, Art and Design, "Art, A Balm After the Storm", Roberta Smith, page. C1, December 6, 2013.
- Journal NR, "Das Objekt, am Boden. Was die Schaudes New Yorkers Und was nicht", Grit Weber, page. 90, December 2013, ill.
- L'official Hommes, "Ausstellungstip- Daniel Turner Bei Bischoff Projects", Robert Grunenber, December 12, 2013, ill.
- The Art Newspaper, "Just how fresh can you get?", Julia Halperin, Edition 6, cover page, December 2013.
- Bijutsu Techo, "Daniel Turner Interview", Sam Cate Gumpert, April 23, 2013, ill.
- Flash Art Online, "Daniel Turner at Franklin Parrasch Gallery", Katy Diamond Hammer, April 15, 2013, ill.
- Nasty Magazine, "The Concrete Issue", cover, pages 43-50, essay by James Schaeffer, 2013, autumn 2013 ill.
- Hunted Projects, "Daniel Turner Interview", Steven Cox, March, 25, 2013, ill.
- Daily Lazy, "Daniel Turner Studio Visit #119", March/April, 2013, ill.
- Bomb Magazine, "Jules Marquis Interview", Jeffrey Grunthner, February, 19, 2013, ill.
- Bijutsu Techo, "Daniel Turner", Manami Fujimori, Vol.65- N0. 979, page 120. January, 2013, ill.
- Feral Kid, issue 1, pages 10-14, 47, January, 2013, ill.
- 2012  
Galleristny NY, "The 30 best exhibitions of 2012", Andrew Russeth, December 18, 2012, ill.
- Art Observed, "Daniel Turner at The Journal", D. Creahan, November 13, 2012, ill.
- Flash Art, No. 286, "A Rebours", Wendy Vogel, page 61, October 2012.
- Engineering and its Reversals: "materials, structures, seeds, aesthetics, cognition". Mariana Botey, Lucía Sanromán. UN WEAVE: pages 53-57 ill. Volume I, Fall 2012, ill.
- Interview Magazine, "Show Time", Alex Gartenfeld, page 30, August, 2012, ill.
- C.S. Magazine, "New Directions:The Art of Jules Marquis", Jeffrey Grunthner, pages 12-16 September 1, 2012, ill.

- Artforum, "Zhang Huan and Daniel Turner", August 13, 2012, ill.
- One Stop Arts, "Inside the White Cube", Harriet Dopson, August 9, 2012, ill.
- Art Observed, "Bulletin Boards / Venus Over Manhattan", A Berman, August 8, 2012, ill.
- Gallerist NY, "Venus Over Manhattan", Andrew Russeth, August, 3, 2012.\, ill.
- The Room Magazine, "Gravity Release", interview with Franciska Zolyom, issue 15, pages 93-105, April 2012, ill.
- Contributor Magazine, "You Gotta Lose", Jason Evans, issue 5, March 2012, ill.
- You, your sun, and you Shadow, exhibition catalog, pages 17-18, March 2012, ill.
- Mousse Publishing, "New York: Directions Points of interest", pages 64-65, March 2012, ill.
- Mousse magazine, "Diary", issue 32, page 236, February/March 2012
- Hercules Universal, "Portfolio NYC", interview with Colin Snapp, March 2012, ill.
- Arskey magazine, "Milano guarda a New York. Ed ecco da Massimo De Carlo la mappa della new wave newyorkese, Manu Buttiglione, February 10, 2012.
- Modern Painters, "Mariana", Sarah P Hanson, page 93, December 2011 /January 2012, ill.
- 2011 The Journal, Issue 31, "Portfolio: A selection of works", pages 48-59, 125, December 2011, ill.
- Paddle 8, "Daniel Turner", interview with Timothee Chaillou, December 2011, ill.
- The Junior Varsity, "Daniel Turner", James Shaeffer, pages 1-8, December 2011, ill.
- La Journada, "Cultura; Presentan enel Borda exposición colectiva Espiritualidades atavicas", Jorge Sifuentes Canas, page 8, November 3, 2011.
- The Green Pointers, "Review : Daniel Turner", Martin Esteves, October 6, 2011, ill.
- The Observer, "Wild West", Michael Miller, page b4, October, 4, 2011.
- Huffingtonpost, "Resembling by Touching: Daniel Turner's Beautiful Ring at the Journal", Anne Couillard, September 29, 2011, ill.
- Artforum.com, "Quick Fix", Kate Sutton, September 20, 2011.
- New York Times T Magazine, "Now Showing Colin Snapp Daniel Turner", Jacob Brown, June 30, 2011, ill.
- DossierJournal, "Tin Roof Rusted", Katherine Krause, June 30, 2011, ill.
- Mono-Kulture, "Here and Now", interview with Sam Cate Gumpert, June 30, 2011, ill.
- From the Desk Of, "Jules Marquis", Interview with Kate Donnelly, June 29, 2011, ill.
- Bullett Magazine, "Colin Snapp / Daniel Turner", Logan Jones, June 28, 2011, ill.
- The York Times Style Magazine, "Timely", Jacob Brown, , page 126, Summer, 2011, ill.
- Islands Weekly, "Art From Urban to Rural Life", Cali Bagby, cover, pages 4-6, June 8 2011, ill.
- Prague Biennale 5 Catalogue, "Painting Overall", pg 39, ill.
- An Art Newspaper, "Decade Issue/Classified Ads", May, 2011, ill.
- Art Observed, "AO on site", Nina Schwarz, April 22, 2011, ill.
- This Long Century, entry {121}, "A Collection of Weather Reports", April, 2011, ill.
- Exibart, "Britannica", Caterina Misuraca, February, 11, 2011, ill.
- Flash Art Online, "Studio Visit", Bozidar Brazda, February 7, 2011, ill.
- The New York Times T magazine, "Video Exclusive", Jacob Brown, January 17, 2011, ill.
- Art Experience NYC, vol.1 no., Ernesto Menendez-Conde, Winter 2011, ill.
- 2010 K48, Edition no. 8, "AbraK48Dabra", December, 2010, ill.
- The New York Observer, November 16, 2010.
- Oblidi, Interview with Nina Zurier, October 2010, ill.
- Flash Art Online, "Moscow on the Hudson", Bozidar Brazda, October 2010, ill.
- Castor & Pollux, "Ein künstlerisches Manifest Ein Entwurf, welchen Kurs die Kunst nehmen muss", August 24, 2010, ill.
- Art Info, "Having a Great Summer", Andrew Russeth, July 28, 2010, ill.
- Dossier Journal, "West Street Gallery", Johnny Misheff, July 8, 2010, ill.
- The Kingsboro Press, "Issue 6", June 2010, ill.
- WOW Magazine, "Reel Ten", Géraldine Ancrì & Emilie Lauriola, May 2010.
- Artforum.com, "Exile on Main Street", Travis Jeppesen, May 6, 2010.
- Art Info, "Tour of Lmcc", Alexander Wolf, May 3, 2010.
- Eyebeam, "The Dialogue", Interview with Kenya Robison, January 2010, ill.
- 2008 The Richmond Times Dispatch, "Arts and Theater", Daniel Neman, March 14, 2008.
- 2006 7 x 7 Magazine, August, 2006, ill.
- SF Weekly, "Mixing Oil with Art", Michael Leaverton, July 26, 2006, ill.
- 2005 San Francisco Downtown, vol. XIII, Monica Hedger, May 2005, ill.
- 2003 The Tidewater News, "Sweet Success", August 7, 2003, ill.
- The Tidewater News, "The Man Behind The Sand", July 31, 2003, ill.
- 2002 The Virginian Pilot, "Recent Work Of Jared Ramsey And Daniel Turner", December 20, 2002, ill.
- Portfolio, "Bigger Than Life", December 18, 2002, ill.
- The Virginian Pilot, "Grounded Atmosphere", November 5, 2002.
- 2001 The Smithfield Times, "Young artist exhibits at ODU Center", May 10, 2001, ill.
- The Virginian-Pilot, April 23, 2001, ill.
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- \*Collaboration with Jules Marquis



Daniel Turner  
*(WHSC 44102 Bar)*, 2018  
cast stainless steel. Provenance: WAMC Psychiatric Facility  
300 x 6 x 13 cm  
unique  
courtesy of the artist and Galerie Allen, Paris



Daniel Turner  
*(WHSC 44102 Bar)* (detail), 2018  
cast stainless steel. Provenance: WAMC Psychiatric Facility  
300 x 6 x 13 cm  
unique  
courtesy of the artist and Galerie Allen, Paris



Daniel Turner  
(*WHSC 4102 Burnish*), 2018  
stainless steel burnish. Provenance: (WAMC) Psychiatric Facility  
variable dimensions  
Edition of 3 ex + 2 AP  
courtesy of the artist and Galerie Allen, Paris



Daniel Turner  
*Waiting Room*, 2017  
cast steel, aluminum alloy, fiber. Provenance: The Meyer Clinic  
50.32 x 6.50 x 4.60 cm  
unique  
courtesy of the artist



Daniel Turner  
*(WHSC 44102.1 Bar)*, 2018  
cast aluminum, stainless steel, Provenance: WAMC Psychiatric Facility  
100.96 x 6.35 x 5.08 cm each  
unique  
installation view *Anne Truitt / Daniel Turner*, Parrasch Heijnen Gallery, Los Angeles  
courtesy of the artist and Parrasch Heijnen Gallery



Daniel Turner  
*(WHSC 44102.2 Bar)*, 2018  
cast aluminum, stainless steel, Provenance: WAMC Psychiatric Facility  
100.96 x 6.35 x 5.08 cm each  
unique  
installation view *Anne Truitt / Daniel Turner*, Parrasch Heijnen Gallery, Los Angeles  
courtesy of the artist and Parrasch Heijnen Gallery



Daniel Turner  
*EMP STEP*, 2017  
cast stainless steel  
487 x 11.43 x 38 cm  
unique  
courtesy of the artist and Eleven Madison Park



Daniel Turner  
processing the kitchen of Eleven Madison Park, 2017  
courtesy of the artist



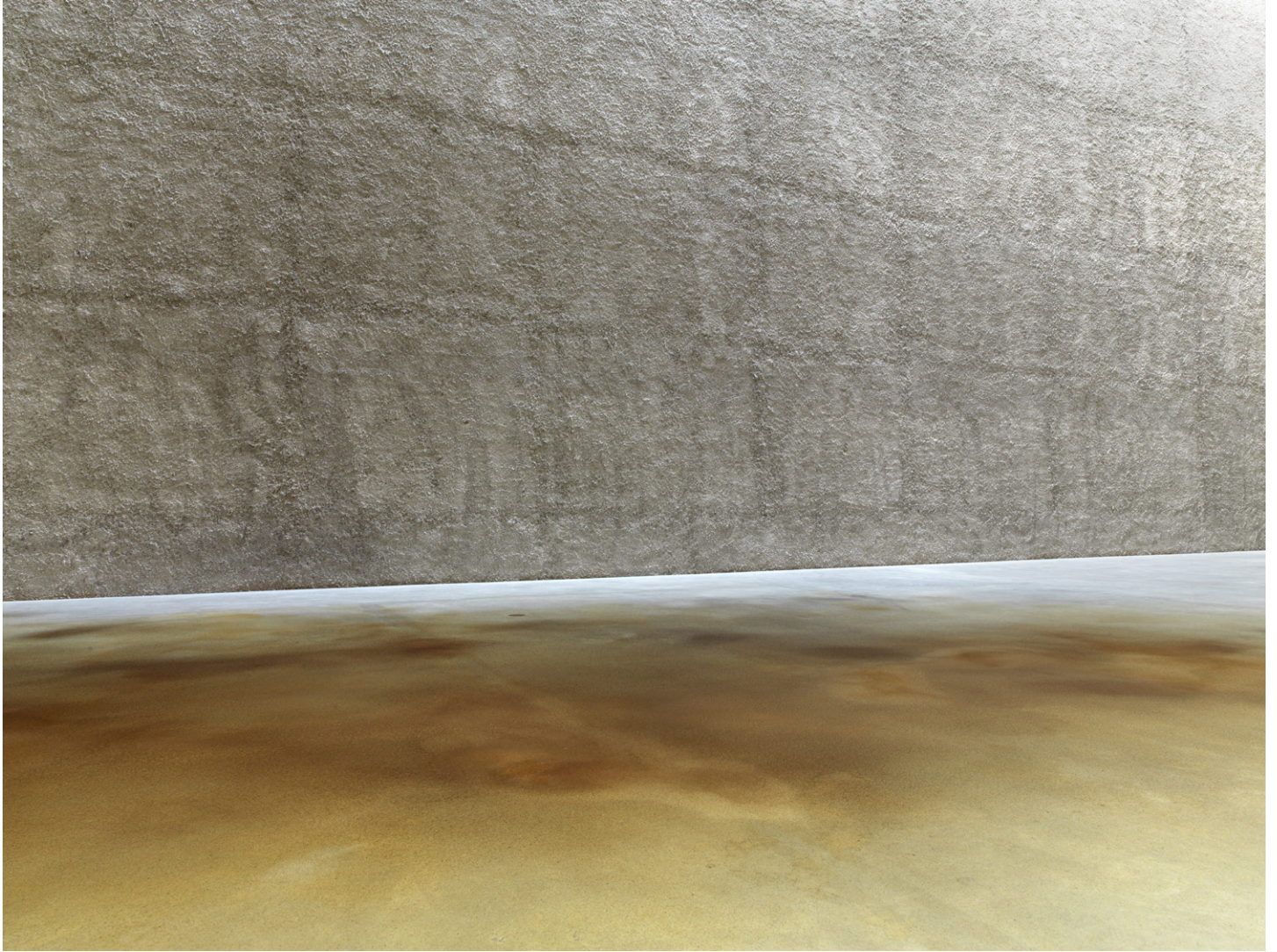
Daniel Turner  
processing the kitchen of Eleven Madison Park, 2017  
courtesy of the artist



Daniel Turner  
*Particle Processed Cafeteria* (detail), 2016  
dissolved cafeteria  
dimensions variable  
unique  
courtesy of the artist and König Galerie



Daniel Turner  
*Particle Processed Cafeteria* (detail), 2016  
dissolved cafeteria  
dimensions variable  
unique  
courtesy of the artist and König Galerie



Daniel Turner  
*Particle Processed Cafeteria* (detail), 2016  
dissolved cafeteria  
dimensions variable  
unique  
courtesy of the artist and König Galerie



Daniel Turner  
*Particle Processed IPN Beam*, 2018  
excavated and dissolved structural IPN beam  
dimensions variable  
unique  
courtesy of the artist and Le Confort Moderne



Daniel Turner  
*untitled*, 2014  
maple, polyethylene, aluminum, stainless steel, mixed mediums  
two parts: 396.24 x 71.12 x 60.96 cm each  
unique  
courtesy of the artist



Daniel Turner  
*untitled* (detail), 2014  
maple, polyethylene, aluminum, stainless steel, mixed mediums  
two parts: 396.24 x 71.12 x 60.96 cm each  
unique  
courtesy of the artist



Daniel Turner  
*Britannica*, 2012  
formica, maple, stainless steel, mdf, mixed mediums  
two parts, 365.76 x 86.36 x 91.44 cm (total)  
unique  
courtesy of the artist



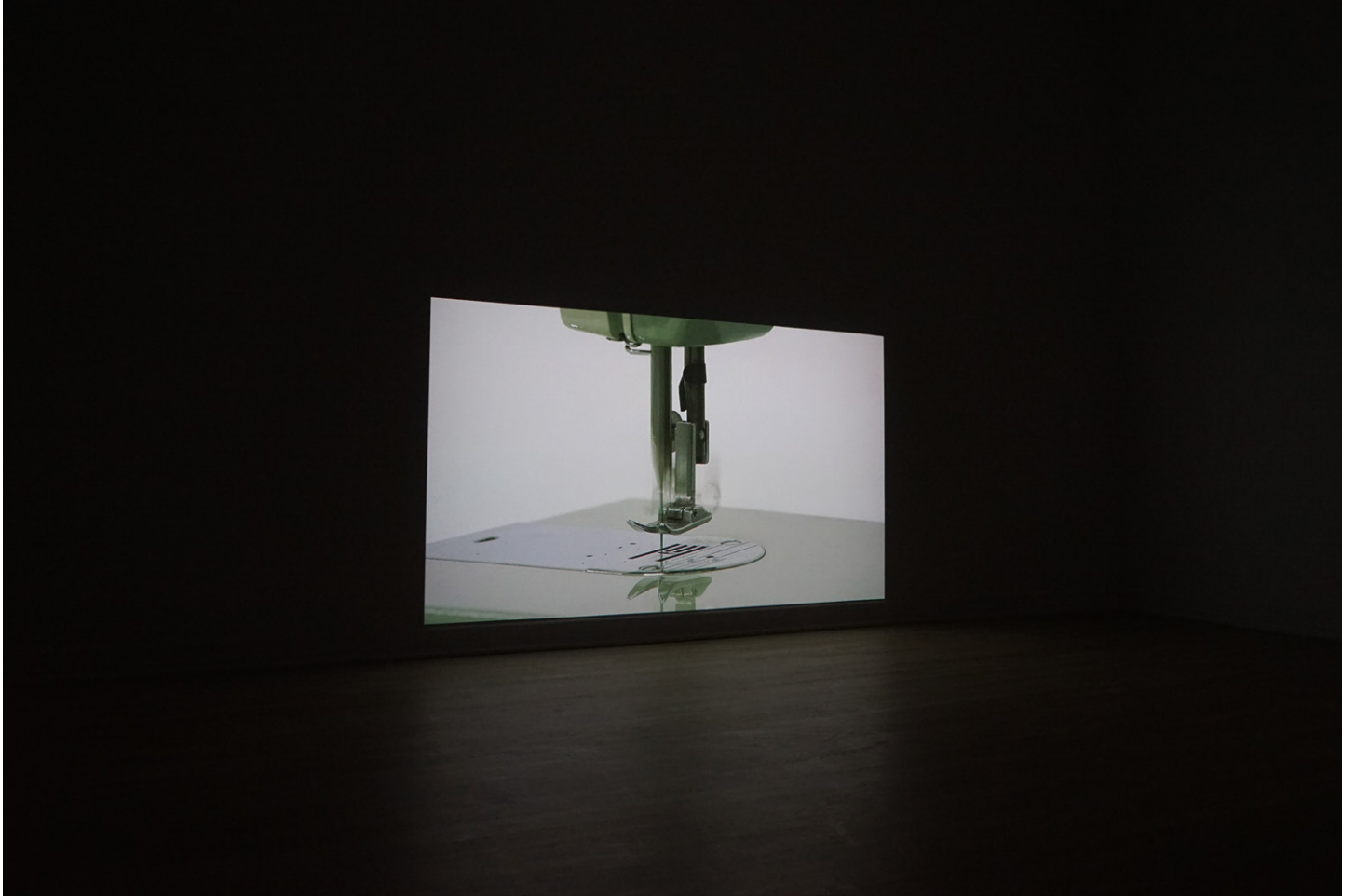
Daniel Turner  
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courtesy of the artist



Daniel Turner  
*Untitled 5150*, (4/10/12), 2012  
*Untitled 5150*, (4/26/12), 2012  
*Untitled 5150*, 4/18/12), 2012  
bitumen emulsion, transparent vinyl, wood  
43.18 x 38 x 5 cm each  
installation view, Daniel Turner, White Cube Bermondsey, London  
courtesy of the artist



Daniel Turner  
*Untitled 5150 (5.6.13)*, 2013  
bitumen emulsion, transparent vinyl, wood  
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unique  
courtesy of the artist



Daniel Turner  
*110/120*, 2015  
digital video projection, sound, dimensions variable  
60min  
edition of 3 plus 2 artist proofs  
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## CRITICS' PICKS

### Daniel Turner

LE CONFORT MODERNE

185 de la rue du Faubourg du Pont Neuf

April 6–July 1

Working with salvaged materials, Daniel Turner has transformed psychiatric-hospital sinks, restaurant-kitchen appliances, and other old machinery and fixtures into sleek geometric cast-metal sculptures. Belying their minimalist aesthetic, Turner's soulful reincarnations are rife with historical, political, and personal connotations. The suite of works presented here was made using I-beams removed from the exhibition venue during a recent renovation project. Turner's sculptures are accompanied by a selection of archival materials that trace the evolution of the site, which was originally built as a textile factory in 1910.

The identical floor-based sculptures, both titled *CM (IPN) Bar* (all works cited, 2018), were cast from twenty-two melted-down steel beams. Despite a collective weight of five hundred pounds, the long and thin buffed rectangles appear somehow light and luminous, recalling *Light and Space* sculptures such as DeWain Valentine's polished resin columns. In stark contrast to these densely compressed monuments, *Particle Processed (IPN) Beam*, is a ground-up girder, diffused across a large open space. After milling the steel into a fine powder, Turner mixed the metallic dust with a chemical solution and sprayed it onto the concrete floor and plaster walls of the exhibition space. The resulting rusty coating imbues the freshly renovated, white-walled gallery with a grim sense of nostalgia. Backing this up, facsimiles of documents that the artist found through a local historian reveal some unflattering moments in Le Confort Moderne's past—including the manufacture of artillery components during a period leading up to World War II, and the eventual conviction of the foundry's owner as a Vichy collaborator. Whether in the form of a penetrating stain or an impenetrable monolith, Turner's works contend that the past never fades entirely; history inevitably invades and informs the present.



Daniel Turner, *Particle Processed (IPN) Beam*, 2018, mixed media, dimensions variable.

— Mara Hoberman

**PARIS**

**Daniel Turner**

Galerie Allen / 12 avril - 19 mai 2018

Des barres rectangulaires, l'histoire de l'art contemporain en a produit de nombreuses. À l'image de la grille, comme le rappelait Rosalind Krauss dans son fameux essai de 1979 (*Grids*), cette forme a été continuellement recontextualisée, se pliant à des esthétiques diverses et variées qui ont su en revivifier le potentiel a priori limité. Une barre en acier inoxydable moulé accueille donc le spectateur de la galerie Allen. Posée sur un socle, elle dégage une autorité naturelle. À moins que celle-ci soit en lien avec l'histoire qui sous-tend les objets agencés ou recyclés par Daniel Turner. Celle d'un passé psychiatrique et de séjours dans des asiles qui ont conduit l'artiste à fréquenter les environnements aseptisés propres à ce genre d'institution dont il a récupéré des éléments de mobilier, notamment des éviers en acier, afin de les transformer en œuvres d'art. Après avoir, dans un premier temps, joué la carte du ready-made, Turner s'est tourné vers une pratique plus sculpturale, d'obédience minimaliste, mais aussi « picturale », dans la mesure où un autre aspect de cette « récupération » d'objets débouche sur des *wallpaintings* conçus à partir d'une sorte de laine d'acier appliquée in situ. Celle produite pour la galerie témoigne d'une atmosphère très « vaporeuse », que son caractère évanescence oppose à la présence très matérielle de la barre. Contraste saisissant qui fonctionne à merveille.

**Erik Verhagen**

When it comes to rectangular bars, contemporary art has produced a fair number over the years. Like grids, as set out by Rosalind Krauss in her well-known 1979 essay (*Grids*), this form has continually been recontextualised and adapted to all sorts of aesthetics, which have managed to renew its supposedly limited potential. A cast stainless steel bar thus welcomes visitors to Galerie Allen. Set on a base, it has an air of natural authority. Unless it is linked to the story behind the objects arranged and recycled by Daniel Turner. The story of a psychiatric past and periods in asylums which led the artist to visit the sterile environments characteristic of this type of institution, from which he recovered pieces of furniture, like stainless steel sinks, to transform them into works of art. Having initially explored this "ready-made" angle, Turner shifted his attention to a more sculptural practice, in a minimalistic vein, but also "pictorial"; in that another aspect of this "recovery" of objects involves wall paintings designed using a kind of steel wool applied in situ. The one produced for the gallery reflects a highly "vaporous" atmosphere, whose ephemeral nature contrasts starkly with the solid physical presence of the bar. A dramatic contrast which works extremely well.

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Daniel Turner, "Particle Processed (IPN) Beam", dimensions variables, acier, 2018. (© Daniel Turner)

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# Daniel Turner, un artiste sur les traces du monde industriel

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Julie Ackermann

Au Confort moderne à Poitiers, Daniel Turner porte un regard sur le monde industriel, ses déchets, et plus largement sur la toxicité de nos sociétés, en perpétuelle transformation.



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Ce ne sont clairement pas les enjeux relatifs aux classes socio-économiques défavorisées qui agitent aujourd'hui tout le petit monde de l'art contemporain, comme sous perfusion de problématiques – certes cruciales – relatives aux identités, au post-colonial, au genre, à l'anthropocène ou encore à la technologie. On veut décentrer, décentrer, nous dit-on, mais *in fine*, les sujets d'attention tendent, semble-t-il, à s'homogénéiser dans cette sphère de l'art – et dans ce monde – plus que jamais globalisée. Pour le meilleur et pour le pire.

La question des populations laissées en marge du "progrès" est présente, c'est indéniable, mais apparaît somme toute secondaire. (Un clé d'explication se situerait-elle dans l'origine dans l'origine sociale des acteurs de l'art ?) Ce sujet a sans doute été largement abordé et représenté par le passé, avant que les classes sociales ne se trouvent éclatées et que les luttes communautaires et individuelles ne remplacent celle des classes. Mais cette situation sociale et économique, différente d'il y a 100 ans, demeure une réalité. Exit la lutte des travailleurs ou le conflit bipolaire entre patronat et ouvrier. La pauvreté n'a pas pour autant été éradiquée, et il reste des régions et des populations frappées de plein fouet par la désindustrialisation et laissées sur le bas-côté de la route. Comment s'emparer de cette nouvelle donne ? L'art contemporain a-t-il quelque chose à dire ?



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Daniel Turner "CM IPN Bar" (14 cm x 6,25 cm x 153,5 cm) acier moulé 2018 crédit (© Daniel Turner)

### Une archéologie productrice d'objets

C'est en tout cas le cas de Daniel Turner – pas littéralement mais de biais – dans ce lieu incroyable d'art et de musique qu'est le Confort Moderne à Poitiers. Né en 1983, cet Américain nous enjoint à scruter le sol sous nos pieds, contaminé jusqu'à la moelle par les décombres du passé et d'autant plus visibles dans les marges des grands centres financiers. Le geste n'est pas mélancolique, ni un commentaire sur la fin de l'industrie ou encore un apitoiement sur le passé flamboyant des fonderies et aciéries. Sous fond d'anthropocène et de tech, il s'agit, en premier lieu, d'établir un constat : l'industrie lourde aux Etats-Unis ou en Europe, dont l'apogée se situe pendant les Trente Glorieuses, demeure encore opérante, quoique à l'agonie. En transition, elle a migré vers les pays non occidentaux. Elle est contemporaine. Et les conséquences de ce capitalisme industriel sur l'environnement et les modes de vie sont plus que tangibles. Partout à la surface de cette Terre polluée.

Daniel Turner a grandi en Virginie sur des terres sinistrées et au milieu des déchets que son père traitait (c'était son job). Et c'est bien ce paysage post-apocalyptique, cette dynamique de travail et de recyclage qui ont nourri l'appréhension d'un monde à la dérive de cet artiste. L'enjeu ne réside pas

dans l'ambition de raconter une détresse ou de faire le portrait du monde ouvrier mais plutôt dans la volonté de sonder les psychés d'un monde industriel, dont les méthodes administratives, autoritaires et les productions polluantes sont encore à l'œuvre aujourd'hui. Et cela avec modestie, peu de moyens, en partant du bas, de la matière, des restes (l'artiste collectionne notamment des poignées de portes de vieux frigos sales) envisagés comme autant de micro-pièces à conviction témoignant de ce qui se joue à grande échelle.

**" Rien ne se perd rien ne se crée, tout se transforme "**

Mais alors, qui y a-t-il donc dans cette expo ? Au final pas grand-chose, une tâche couleur rouille et deux grosse barrettes en acier. L'artiste a été fouiller dans les ruines du monde (une décharge), nouveau cortex de l'inconscient refoulé des sociétés. Il y a trouvé des poutres standardisées, tordues, écaillées et rouillées balancées par le Confort Moderne lors de la rénovation du lieu. Il a réduit en poudre des centaines de kg d'acier, les a distillés dans de l'acide et pulvérisés au sol. Résultat : une mare chimique asséchée, iridescente et fossilisée. Un sublime spectacle apocalyptique. Une scène de crime. Les murs du Confort Moderne, qui viennent d'être repeints après une longue période de travaux, exsudent à nouveau leur passé. Comme un suaire, non pas du Christ mais de l'humanité.



Daniel-Turner, "Particle Processed (IPN) Beam", dimensions variables, acier, 2018, (© Daniel Turner)

Autour de cette mare éphémère, une table retrace l'histoire administrative du hangar de l'expo et deux barres, de plus de 150 kg chacune, compactent ce gros tas de ferrailles ramené par l'artiste. Plus tôt cette année, Daniel

Turner avait d'ailleurs réalisé une œuvre similaire pour son expo à la galerie Allen, compressant cette fois-ci du mobilier d'hôpitaux psychiatriques. Entre sculpture minimale et production industrielle, ces barres sont les traces énergétiques et radioactives de l'histoire. Aussi rigide et lourde que le poids et la violence de la standardisation et de l'administration.

Dans cette tension entre masse solide (les barres) et dispersion éphémère (la tache), entre système statique et circulation sans règles, Daniel Turner étire ou condense le temps, transforme la matière. Il semble en fait montrer ce jeu de la "destruction créatrice", concept forgé par Joseph Schumpeter en 1930 pour décrire la mécanique de l'économie capitaliste, ne cessant de rendre obsolète et d'anéantir dans le but de produire du neuf au nom de la croissance économique.

Pulvériser et détruire, transformer et créer, c'est bien ce que Daniel Turner entreprend ici mais à partir de matériaux disponibles et en recyclant. Un geste d'alchimiste – qui métamorphose le pauvre en valeur – et celui d'un ouvrier. A la fois travailleur et archéologue, il scrute nos restes, produit, propose, transforme car bien que l'air soit chargé de souffre, l'artiste est tourné vers l'avenir.

***Daniel Turner (IPN) - Commissariat : Sarina Basta - Confort moderne - Jusqu'à 13 Juillet 2018, Du lundi au vendredi de 12h à 18h, le samedi et dimanche de 15h à 17h30.***



Daniel Turner, "Particle Processed (IPN) Beam", dimensions variables, acier, 2018. (© Daniel Turner)



Mardi dernier, à l'Eesi de Poitiers, Sarina Basta a animé la discussion entre Daniel Turner et Jacques Chauvin.  
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**L'Américain Daniel Turner est actuellement en résidence de création au Confort Moderne, à Poitiers. Le vernissage de son exposition est prévu le 6 avril.**

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C'est l'une de ces pirouettes de l'histoire qui stimule l'imagination des artistes. Quand il a visité les Usines Nouvelles installées dans l'ancienne filature de Ligugé, il y a quelques semaines, le plasticien américain Daniel Turner est tombé en arrêt devant un tas de poutrelles de type IPN (fers en I à profil normal). Sans savoir que ces pièces métalliques provenaient du lieu même où il est accueilli en résidence artistique : le Confort Moderne.

### **Des poutrelles transformées en liquide**

*« Ces IPN avaient été déposés à Ligugé au moment du chantier de rénovation du Confort Moderne, explique Sarina Basta, la curatrice arts visuels de la friche industrielle poitevine. Ils n'avaient pas vocation à y revenir, mais quand on a visité la filature, lors de la première partie de sa résidence, Daniel a jeté son dévolu sur cette pile d'IPN. Il souhaite les transformer en liquide pour une installation qui sera accompagnée de la présentation d'une collection d'archives, en collaboration avec l'ethnologue Jacques Chauvin. Mais on ne va pas tout révéler de l'exposition : pour découvrir ces œuvres, il faudra venir au vernissage au Confort Moderne, le 6 avril. »*

L'ethnologue, le plasticien et la curatrice étaient d'ailleurs rassemblés, mardi dernier, dans la salle de conférence de l'École européenne supérieure de l'image (Eesi), à Poitiers, devant un parterre d'élèves de l'école et d'amateurs d'art contemporain.

La rencontre-discussion a permis au public de découvrir le parcours artistique du natif de Virginie qui a grandi au milieu des matériaux de récupération entassés sur les terrains de l'entreprise familiale de démolition. « *J'ai toujours été attiré par les surfaces et les textures* », a expliqué le plasticien qui s'est notamment illustré en brûlant toutes ses toiles de jeunesse, lors d'un grand autodafé, en 2009, avant de s'installer à New York.

Après avoir projeté des photographies en noir et blanc de l'environnement dans lequel il a baigné enfant, Daniel Turner a montré des films de ses premières œuvres new yorkaises, lorsqu'il a commencé à élaborer diverses techniques de décomposition et de concentration d'éléments de mobilier métalliques – tables, chaises, équipements de cuisine... – pour les fondre en un bloc de métal (comme cette cuisine d'un grand restaurant new yorkais transformée en marche), les réduire en paille de fer (dont il s'est servi pour frotter les murs d'un hôpital psychiatrique), voire les transformer en liquide ferreux (projeté au sol d'une galerie berlinoise).

### Navettes Ligugé-Poitiers

En préambule, Jacques Chauvin avait rappelé qu'avant même d'héberger les réserves du magasin d'électroménager Confort 2000, dans les années soixante-dix, voire les fonderies Lucet puis Rocher, dans les années trente, les premiers bâtiments industriels avaient été édifiés sur l'actuel site du Confort Moderne, dès 1910, pour accueillir une annexe de... la Société anonyme de filature et de tissage de Ligugé. Les liens entre les deux friches postindustrielles ne datent décidément pas d'hier.

**Vernissage de l'exposition (IPN) de Daniel Turner, vendredi 6 avril, à 19 h, au Confort Moderne, 185 rue du Faubourg du Pont-Neuf, à Poitiers.**

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Daniel Turner, "(WHSC 4102 Burnish)", 2018

## **Le tour d'écrou**

Les interventions de Daniel Turner sont aveugles. Aveugles et refusant obstinément de laisser filtrer l'image, sapant les fondements de la représentations par une présence mutique. Une poutre au sol, une empreinte nébuleuse au mur : voilà les seuls éléments auxquels tenter de raccrocher des lambeaux d'imaginaire. On le voit, la tentative est d'emblée vouée à l'échec. Mieux vaut alors changer de stratégie, abdiquer le monopole de la vision au profit d'autres sens. Peut-être ressentira-t-on alors obscurément une présence spectrale, des flux énergétiques circulant à travers l'espace. A 35 ans, l'américain basé à Brooklyn s'est acheminé d'une pratique de peinture vers un geste sculptural qu'il répète comme une formule : à partir d'un site donné, Daniel Turner prélève certains éléments architecturaux de l'infrastructure qu'il condense en son plus petit dénominateur commun – un poutre, la trace laissée par de la laine de fer frottée au mur. Sorte de réduction phénoménologique husserlienne qui se pratiquerait en salopette Dickies, son geste de réduction se voit ce printemps appliqué à deux espaces dissemblables : les murs d'une ancienne manufacture textile abritant désormais le Confort Moderne à Poitiers, et l'intimité domestique hausmanienne de la galerie Allen à Paris.

- (*IPN*) de Daniel Turner du 6 avril au 1er juillet au Confort Moderne à Poitiers et du 12 avril au 19 mai à la galerie Allen à Paris

**Sous les pavés, la poésie**

# Forbes

## There's A Secret Artwork In The Midst Of The World's Best Restaurant

**Brienne Walsh**, CONTRIBUTOR

Visitors to Eleven Madison Park in coming months will likely anticipate [the restaurant's renovation and new menu](#). What they won't realize is that when they step through the entrance, and into the main dining hall, they will be walking on a piece of art.



*Daniel Turner, EMP Step, cast stainless steel kitchen, 192 x 15 x 4.5 inches, 2017*

In their defense, the work is nondescript. A 16-foot monolith by the artist Daniel Turner, it looks like a smooth metal step. Closer examination reveals the work's many nuances — imperfections on the surface that tell the story of how it was created.



*Detail of EMP Step.*

Commissioned by Eleven Madison Park’s owners, Daniel Humm and Will Guidara, the work was created by melting down roughly 1,000 objects from the restaurant’s kitchen, which was completely renovated along with the dining area. Turner chose the objects based on their forms, and their material limitations. “There was a stipulation about which metals could be melted together,” he told me as we traversed the piece one afternoon before the restaurant opened. “We couldn’t mix aluminum and steel, for example, or there would be an explosion.”

Turner has long been interested in kitchens. Although he professes he cannot cook, and has never worked in a restaurant, his first studio in New York was housed in an abandoned kitchen in Chinatown.

“I was granted the studio by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, and when I arrived, I thought, ‘Wow, this studio is so odd, and so surreal,’” he said. “It was really difficult for me to make any work there. My work couldn’t compete with this environment. It began to make sense to me that I should look at the actual environment. I started abstracting these kitchen forms, and producing these kitchen units, but skewing the composition and scale so they really served no function at all.”

Distorting forms led to dissolving them. In 2016, at König Galerie in Berlin, Germany, Turner showed “Particle Processed Cafeteria,” which consisted of a stain created by reducing the components of a cafeteria — wooden tables, steel chairs — into a liquid, which was then poured on the gallery floor.

By happenstance, Humm had seen the show. Turner was introduced to him at a dinner thrown by a friend. “He’s been in a kitchen his entire life, and I had just dissolved one,” Turner laughed. “So there was this spark of immediate interest.”

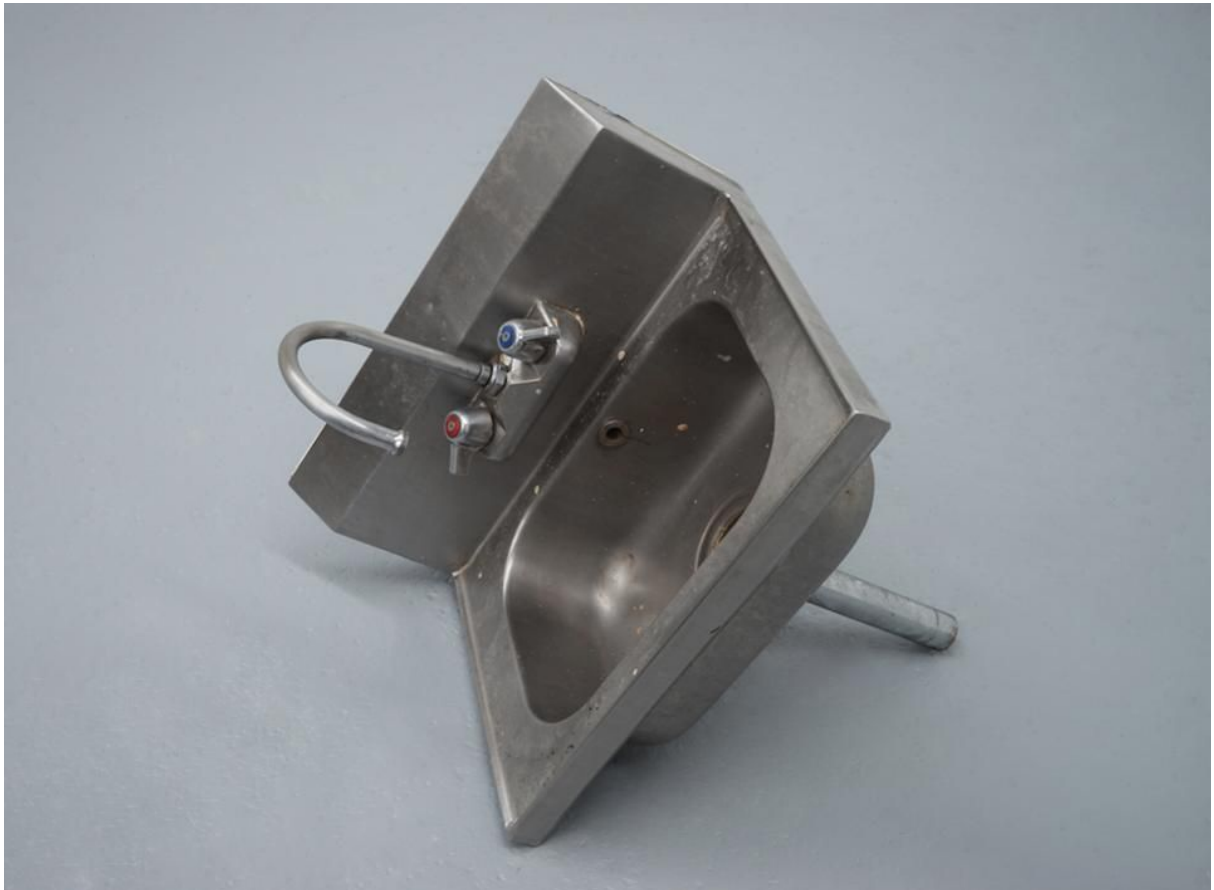


*An image of the materials melted down for EMP Step.*

Humm gave Turner free reign over both the kitchen, and the interior of the dining room. “I knew I wanted to introduce a form into the architecture,” Turner told me. “So I thought, ‘Well why not introduce a form as a step that enters the restaurant, so that one steps over all of the material it took to get where the restaurant is today?’”

The final sculpture is just about 1,000 pounds. It joins other pieces commissioned by Humm, including works by Rita Ackermann, the Sol Le Witt Foundation, and Olympia Scarry.

After years spent on ephemeral pieces that were dissolved or dismantled after they were shown, Turner likes that his sculpture at Eleven Madison Park has permanence. We discussed the way stairs look in old New York buildings — grooved and shiny from thousands, if not millions, of footsteps. “I like the idea that you walk through the doorway, and once you are in the dining experience, you come to learn that wait, I stepped over eleven years of work.” The story of how the work was created has been woven into the storytelling aspects of the dining experience; servers will give a general background and history of the art in the restaurant as they serve the meal.



*An archival image of a sink used in the piece.*

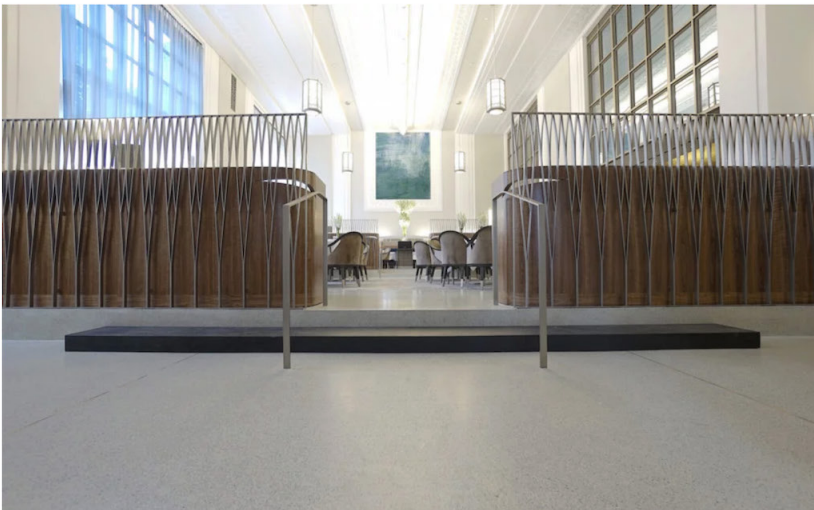
Next up for Turner is working within an institution he has more familiarity with — a mental institution. Diagnosed with bipolar disorder, he has spent time in hospitals. “It’s a gift,” he says when I noted that I have some family members with the same mental health diagnosis. Turner plans on acquiring a medical facility, and then melting down its components so that they can be used as structural beams to construct a mental health facility. A way of inserting his own moods, different from one day to the next, in something steady and long-lasting.

I can’t wait to be in the presence of another of Turner’s works, which until they are revealed, function as secrets in physical space.

**On View**

## The World's Best Chef Let an Artist Melt Down His Kitchen and Make an Artwork Out of It

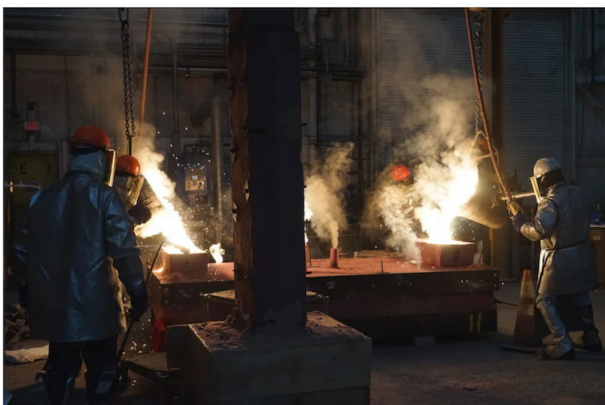
Sarah Cascone, October 11, 2017



Daniel Turner's sculpture salvaged from the old kitchen fixtures of Eleven Madison Park. Courtesy of Daniel Turner Studio.

The best restaurant on the planet—at least according to the *Restaurant* magazine list "[World's 50 Best Restaurants](#)"—is New York's Eleven Madison Park, which reopened on Sunday to debut a \$2 million gut renovation of its 20-year-old kitchen. It turned out, however, that many of its old fixtures were still present, just now in the form of a monolithic sculpture cast by artist [Daniel Turner](#).

To create the site-specific installation, which greets diners at the entrance of the new dining room, [Turner](#) systematically broke down the existing kitchen. "The kitchen equipment was excavated from the kitchen, archived at my studio, cut up at the foundry, melted down, and poured into the final form that you will see at the restaurant," he told [artnet News](#).



Daniel Turner creating his monolithic sculpture salvaged from the old kitchen fixtures of Eleven Madison Park. Courtesy of Daniel Turner.

When Eleven Madison Park's owners, chef Daniel Humm and general manager Will Guidara, who bought the restaurant from Danny Meyer in 2011, secured a 20-year lease renewal, they decided it was time for an overhaul of the space.

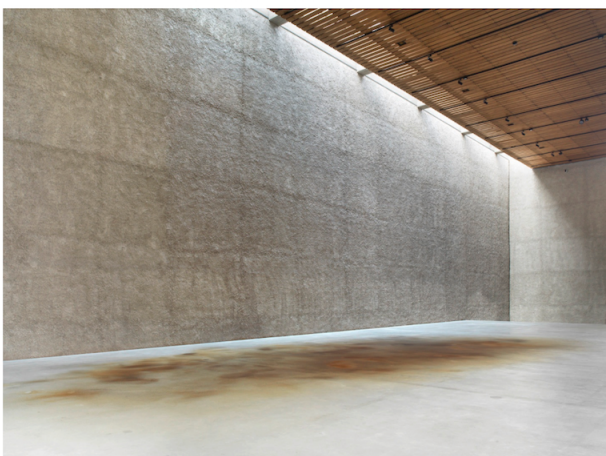
Humm had seen Turner's *Particle Processed Cafeteria* at König Galerie in Berlin last year—a work made from the chairs, tables, and other components of a cafeteria, which the artist ground down, dissolved into liquid, and sprayed onto the gallery floor—and “was very moved by that sculpture,” Turner said.



Daniel Turner's sculpture in process at Eleven Madison Park. Courtesy of Daniel Turner.

“Daniel pushed the boundaries of sculpture,” Humm said. “It's only this beautiful kind of stain that's on the floor, but it tells such a rich story.”

When Humm told Turner about the restaurant's upcoming renovation, which involved completely replacing the kitchen, “I thought it was a great opportunity to work with a similar thought process,” Turner says, and to “re-contextualize the kitchen equipment.”



Daniel Turner, *Particle Processed Cafeteria* (2016). Courtesy of König Galerie, Berlin.

For Humm, the project is personal. “Art has inspired my food, and art is such a big part of my life,” he said. “My creations of the last 12 years have happened there.” As a result, the renovations have been “kind of emotional,” he said. “The idea of ripping out that kitchen was really hard for me.”

In the end, Turner transformed the kitchen into a long, low-lying sculpture, a 16-foot-long steel monolith that functions as the step down into the dining room. “You're going to step on it and over it as you enter and exit the restaurant,” Turner said. “It's truly a touchstone.”

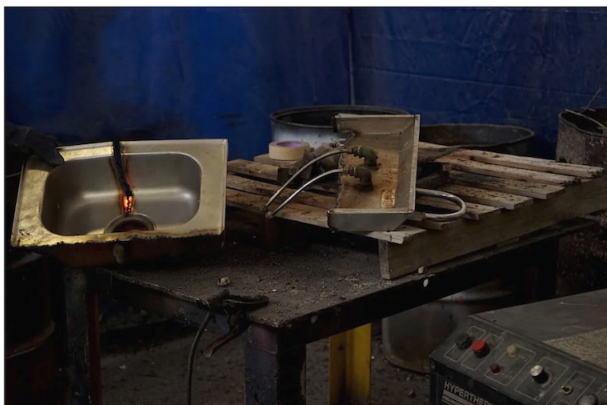
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Daniel Turner's sculpture in process at Eleven Madison Park. Courtesy of Daniel Turner.

It's also a fitting tribute to the restaurant's storied history. "You have to step over the past to be in the present," Humm said. "This is not just melted steel. There's such a deep history to it."

Though the owners gave Turner total creative freedom for the commission, he found it to be a uniquely challenging project. "A restaurant is not an ideal place for sculpture," Turner said. "I spent some time watching how people interact with the space, and there's almost a pause as they enter the dining room. I wanted to elaborate on that moment."



Daniel Turner's sculpture in process at Eleven Madison Park. Courtesy of Daniel Turner.

To create the final sculpture, Turner enlisted [Polich Tallix](#), a fine art foundry in upstate New York. They began with sand casting, first making a wooden form and then pressing it into a container full of sand to create a mold in which to pour the molten metal.

After several months, the finished piece fit perfectly in the renovated restaurant. Designed by Brad Cloepfil of the firm Allied Works, the revamped restaurant features an expanded bar and lounge area, while other works of art will appear in the dining room.



There's a Rita Ackermann painting, which is one of her largest-ever canvas works and was inspired by the specially commissioned black-and-white oil paintings by Stephen Hannock that graced the original dining room. "She erased it and made it like an abstract work," said Humm of Ackermann's take on the original series, which was inspired by vintage photographs of Madison Square Park.

Above the restaurant entrance is another work, Olympia Scarry's painted beige glass panels, titled *11/11 Windows*. "It plays with the light and it reflects it," said Humm. "The idea is of changing direction, like the restaurant does."



Daniel Turner's sculpture in process at Eleven Madison Park. Courtesy of Daniel Turner.

Just outside, in the park, is the [Sol LeWitt](#) lawn, named for the late artist who made Madison Square Art's earliest public artworks in 2005. At the suggestion of his daughter, Sofia LeWitt, the restaurant now features a colorful wall drawing installed by his foundation.

Also new is nearly the [entire menu](#). The restaurant earned its accolades—four stars from the *New York Times* both in [2009](#) and [2015](#)—for Humm's a tasting menu, which featured more than a dozen courses.

"We're digging into the history of New York more," Humm said of the new dishes, which include a smoked sturgeon cheesecake and a roasted kabocha squash, all done in the chef's increasingly minimal style. "It's a beautiful moment for me as a chef, because after 25 years of cooking, I feel like only in the last few years I've found myself fully."

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Step into a New Phase: Eleven Madison Park Makes Art Part of a Fabled Restaurant Setting

BY *Katherine McMahon and Andy Battaglia*



*EMP Step*, 2017, cast stainless steel, 192 x 15 x 4.5 inches, by Daniel Turner at Eleven Madison Park.

Eleven Madison Park, a vaunted restaurant in a vaulted space in the Flatiron District in New York, has reopened to much fanfare after four months off for renovation and reimagination. Chef Daniel Humm is back in the kitchen he made a focus of global attention among gourmands, and diners are back in front of the kind of artful and sophisticated dishes he has made a specialty.

Upon entry, guests at Eleven Madison Park will now pass over a sort of threshold below: an artwork conceived for the luxe environs by the artist Daniel Turner. The piece is a Minimalist sculpture on the floor that doubles as a step up to the dining room, made of old materials from the restaurant's former kitchen that were melted down and transfigured into a new form.

The work is titled *EMP Step*. To learn more about its genesis and the journey to its new home, *ARTnews* spoke to both the artist and the chef about the project—and photographed it beginning this summer, while it was in the fabrication phase, and through its final installation last week. Interviews with Turner and Humm follow below, with a photo slideshow beneath.

*As told to Andy Battaglia:*



Daniel Turner, artist

Daniel Humm heard of my piece *Particle Process Cafeteria* at König Galerie in 2016. Through a deconstructive process, I dissolved components of a cafeteria—folding chairs, collapsible tables, pieces of steel and wood—that were reduced to particle form. They were chemically modified and sprayed across the expanse of the gallery. Basically it was the reduction of an environment. I had been looking at environments, particularly constrained environments—cafeterias, waiting rooms, doctor’s offices—and had been working on trying to condense them. Rather than pull from environments and produce readymades, I thought, Why not just take an entire environment and reduce it?

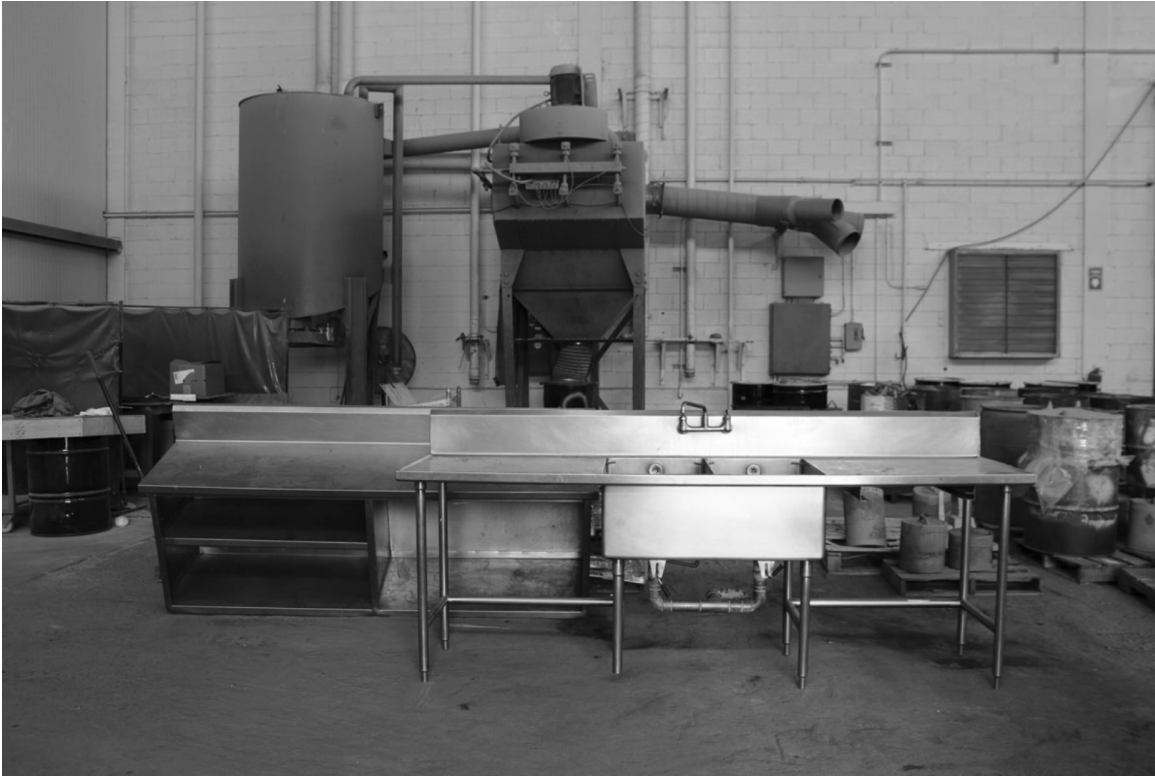
Daniel has been in a kitchen his entire life and I happened to have just dissolved one, so there was a similar interest there. I was introduced to him through Ivan Wirth, at a dinner at the NoMad [another restaurant run by Humm]. He said, “I would love to commission a piece for the restaurant. If you have any ideas, let me know.”

From the beginning, the idea was there and he was ecstatic. When the renovation began, I was given access to the entire kitchen. I went through and selected thousands of objects, from forks and knives to 13-foot-long stainless-steel stoves and sinks. All of that was excavated and moved to my studio, where I archived it through photography and drawings. Then it was cut down into small pieces, with a plasma cutter, and melted down into a step. It was melted at Polich Tallix Fine Art Foundry at about 3,200 degrees and recast into a new form.



The finished piece is close to the original proposal except for a few inches. The reason is I had no idea that, when you make a step, you have to comply with city codes. I had never made a step before in the public realm.

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Daniel Humm, chef

We have napkins and tablecloths and works on paper by Paul McCarthy, Roni Horn, Matthew Day Jackson, Rirkrit Tiravanija, Nate Lowman, Rashid Johnson, Norman Foster, Helmut Lang—a lot of people. It happened organically, and when it started I thought I should keep them all. There's a tradition at places like Colombe d'Or, the Paris Bar in Berlin, and the Kronenhalle in Zurich—where I'm from—for which the walls of the restaurants have artworks by the artists who eat there.

I've been always interested in Minimalist artists. The process of taking things away excites me more than the process of adding. Many works have inspired me but one of them is a study by Picasso called *Bull*, where he tried to figure out the most important lines of a bull. I learned about that piece maybe 20 years ago and it really inspired me. Then works by Fontana, the slashed canvases, were important to me—and so many more.

I've followed Daniel Turner's work since he took that cafeteria and dissolved it and made into a sculpture that you can walk on. It had a presence and a story and this

site-specific painting of Madison Square Park in the restaurant before, by Stephen Hannock. The idea was always to bring the park into the restaurant as much as we can. Rita redrew that painting in her own way—and then erased it and made it abstract. She was erasing to make a new beginning.

The last one happened organically: I'm friends with Sofia LeWitt, the daughter of Sol LeWitt. We had dinner and, when I told her what was going on with the art, she said, "My dad would love to be part of this." In 2005, when Madison Square Park got renovated and then started a public art program, Sol LeWitt was the first artist to work in the park. Actually, the grass in front of the restaurant is called the Sol LeWitt Lawn. So we have our private dining rooms now with Sol LeWitt wall drawings overlooking the park—and the lawn.

Also, in the bar area, we are going to start showcasing some of the works that are done on the spot, by artists who eat with us or send us work or make one on the spot. This is something that will evolve and grow . . .

# Daniel Turner EMP Step

I'm intrigued by the idea that when one walks through the doorway you come to the realization that you've just stepped over twelve years of work.

DANIEL TURNER

Essay by Nils Markwardt  
Production Photography by Daniel Turner  
Portrait by Jessica Miller



In the fall of 2016, Swiss-born Daniel Humm, the current chef de cuisine and co-owner of New York's three-star restaurant Eleven Madison Park, stands, stunned, in an exhibition by artist Daniel Turner. The 450-square-meter main space of the KÖNIG GALERIE appears empty, but for the large rust-colored stain on the floor. For his work *Particle Processed Cafeteria*, Turner had taken the interior of a cafeteria, ground it up into a powder, mixed that powder with chemicals, and then sprayed the mixture onto the gallery floor, leaving it to corrode and the smell of chlorine to waft throughout the space.

Later, Humm contacted the artist and befriended him, leading Turner to create his work *EMP Step*, which was inaugurated in Eleven Madison Park's main room in celebration of its reopening in the fall of 2017. In this work, Turner obtained the restaurant's kitchen in its entirety—including all its fixtures—melted it down, and formed one massive monolithic step. It is only by crossing this threshold that one can enter the restaurant's dining hall, which British magazine *Restaurant* recently deemed it to be the finest in the world.

Quotes by  
**DANIEL TURNER**  
&  
**DANIEL HUMM**

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and dissolved it and made it into a sculpture. It had a presence and  
a story and this energy. I was blown away.



Daniel's been in a kitchen his entire life, and I had just dissolved  
one, so there was this spark of immediate interest.



For me, there is no other room I've ever spent more time in than my old kitchen. There is no place more significant to my work. I spent twelve years in that kitchen and my food evolved there. I'm obviously excited about the new kitchen, but it was very emotional to break the old one down and move on. It was important to me, as it is in my work, to pay respect to the past and make the past a part of the present and the future.





A restaurant is not the most ideal place for sculpture. So, I think the boundary of utility was one that made a lot of sense to me. These objects were the physical embodiment of the restaurant, and it was important to honor those materials in a formal, non-decorative way.



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It's Magic!

By Nils Markwardt

In his 1917 lecture "Science as a Vocation," Max Weber succinctly summed up the nature of modernity in one word that doesn't seem to have lost any of its meaning over the years: disenchantment. What the sociologist meant by this is that progress involves the gradual dismantling of magical thinking. While in premodern times belief wielded power as impulsively as it was invisible—seen, for instance, in the sudden intervention of a worshipped force—the modern world is predicated on the literal. Where bureaucratic principles of organization, scientific methods, and minutely calculated production processes heralded the age of rationality, our collective belief in magic (for example, animist fetishism or the idea of objects inhabited by ghosts and gods) was banished to the realm of mythology.

We are reminded of the accuracy of Weber's diagnosis every day. Maybe more than ever. Today, technological and scientific progress is defined by increasing calculability and predictability, from the discovery of previously unknown pathogens to algorithmically increased dating efficiency, through to daily self-monitoring with step counters and fitness trackers. The paradox is that behind this gradual hyper-rationalization, the modern age also developed its very own kind of re-enchantment, the enchantment of materials. Because, strictly speaking, very few of the thousands of things that a citizen of the twenty-first century encounters on a daily basis are what they seem.

Although we take most everyday objects for granted, they are in fact the product of a theatrical history of materials, a long and equally intricate act of disguise, which is the result of the interplay between resource and labor. Every wooden chair, every washing machine, and every smartphone not only conceals countless remodeled and processed raw materials, but also hours of work performed by

humans and machines. And it was precisely this exchange that Karl Marx, no less, understood with perfect clarity. When he talked about "commodity fetishism," he didn't only mean that capitalism was characterized by a form of consumerist idolatry—the quasi-hypnotic power of glittering shopping arcades seducing the collective consciousness—but also that collaboratively produced commodities conceal the history of their production process with the cover of exchange value. Or put more simply, the chair whose social value is only determined by its price does not say anything about the countless transformations it underwent after the wood it is made of was cut from the tree. Thus, capitalism, as the philosopher Peter Sloterdijk once said, can be seen as "the biggest changing room in history," and as an agency for the mass-industrial enchantment of human labor, machines, and raw materials commingling and transforming into commodities.

Artist Daniel Turner's works draw attention to this concealed enchantment by literally deconstructing things—the contents of a waiting room, cafeteria, or kitchen—breaking them down into their constituent parts only to put them back together again in new ways. A prime example is his work *EMP Step* (2017), in which around one thousand objects from an old restaurant kitchen were molded into the shape of a staircase. Here, Turner illustrates the theatrical history of materials by stripping them down and dressing them up in a new costume. By producing a literal kitchen in step form, Turner makes the act of enchantment transparent, and exposes the everyday disguising of materials, something that usually remains unseen. You could also say that Turner's transformed kitchen disrupts our apparent hyper-rational modern age, if only for a moment, to reveal the magical metamorphosis of materials.



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For the Chef Daniel Humm, Less Is More. On His Wall, Too.

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### **Show Us Your Wall**

By **TED LOOS** OCT. 24, 2017



The chef Daniel Humm at home in Manhattan, where he has an untitled glass work by Daniel Turner, chairs by Franz West, from his "Uncle" series and Himalayan rock salts by Olympia Scarry called, "LICKS" 2017. Credit Emily Andrews for The New York Times

Chefs are known to enjoy the company of others in their field. But Daniel Humm — one of the best chefs working today — takes a different social approach.

“Most of my friends are artists,” said Mr. Humm, 41, who wears the toque at [Eleven Madison Park](#), which reopened earlier this month after a renovation by the architect [Brad Cloepfil](#) and his firm Allied Works.

“I’m happy that it’s back, I missed it,” the Swiss-born Mr. Humm said of the restaurant, which has received [four stars](#) from The New York Times and has achieved Michelin’s highest award, three stars. With his co-owner Will Guidara, he also runs [the NoMad](#) and [Made Nice](#).

Like many art collectors, Mr. Humm claims emphatically that he’s *not* a collector. But in the Upper East Side apartment where he lives, he surrounds himself with works by the likes of [Lucio Fontana](#) (a serene grid of dots on a black canvas), [Rita Ackermann](#) (a painterly swirl of blue and pink that seems to channel Monet), [Daniel Turner](#) (several works) and [Franz West](#) (chairs from his “Uncle” series).

Mr. Humm counts Ms. Ackermann and Mr. Turner among his friends (along with the artist Rashid Johnson and the Swiss art dealers Iwan Wirth and Marc Payot, of the gallery Hauser & Wirth).

So for the new Eleven Madison Park, he hung an Ackermann chalkboard painting — “an incredible platform for learning, creating, erasing and new beginnings,” he wrote on [Instagram](#). And he welcomes visitors with an installation by Mr. Turner, who [melted down](#) about 1,000 pounds of the restaurant’s old kitchen fixtures and turned them into a step on the entry staircase. Mr. Humm got a takeout version, which he keeps on his dining table at home: a solid metal bar made of melted “knives, pots, stove and meat grinder,” he said.

He moved into the rental apartment — stark white walls, lovely moldings — at the beginning of the year. “I never thought in a million years that I would live on the Upper East Side, but I love it,” Mr. Humm said. “It’s easy to go for a run.” He’s participating in the [TCS New York City Marathon](#) in November.

Before he headed down to Eleven Madison Park for the day, Mr. Humm talked less-is-more philosophy at home. These are edited excerpts from the conversation.

**Is there an explicit link between art and food for you?**

My dad is an architect. I was always drawn to Minimalism, and that really has affected my cooking. One of my most important art moments came when I was 20. I saw a series of [drawings Picasso did of a bull](#), a study in subtraction, and in the end you have just four lines. That changed my life, seeing that.

**How does that translate to the plate?**

I’ve been cooking for 26 years, and it was only two years ago that I created a dish that made me feel, “I did it.” It was a dish of two ingredients, celery root and truffle. [It’s cooked in a pig’s bladder.]

**Any other artists who are influential? I know you’re famous for “white” dishes.**

He tried to figure out a way not to use it.

**This Daniel Turner glass piece has pride of place in the living room.**

He inspires me a lot. He's based in Brooklyn, but I first saw him when I was in Berlin at a gallery show. For one work [["Particle Processed Cafeteria"](#)], he bought a cafeteria, ground it into a powder, dissolved the powder into liquid, and then he sprayed that liquid onto the floor. It left a beautiful rust stain.

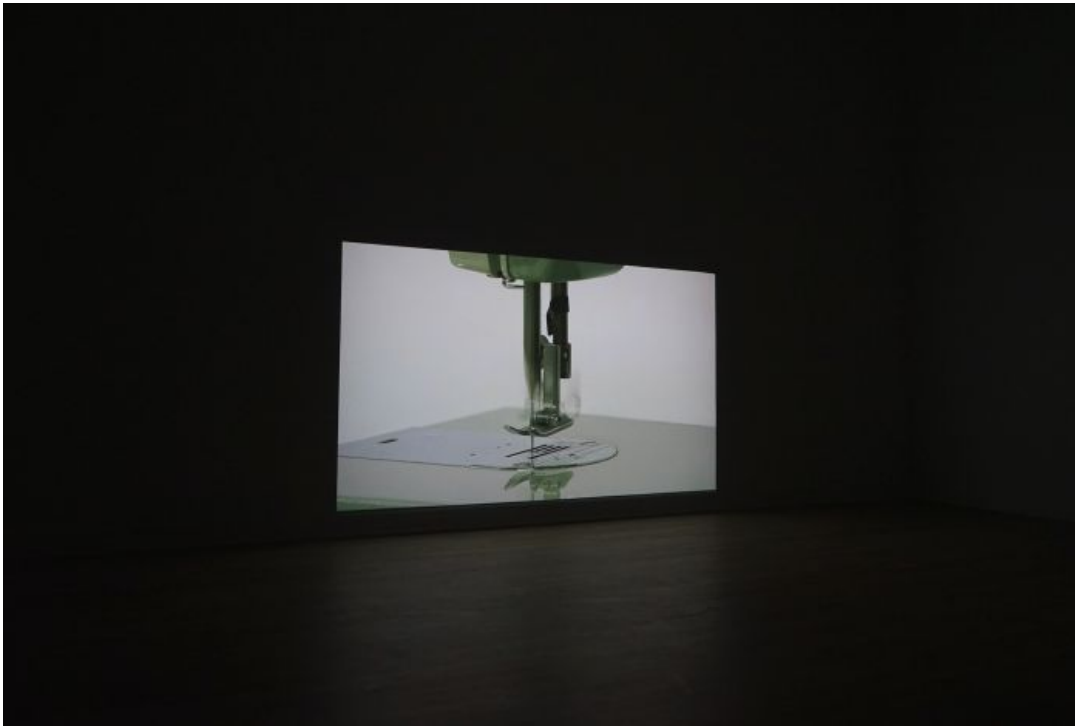
**Is it awkward to collect him and be his close friend, too?**

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# Interview

## In conversation with Daniel Turner

Daniel Turner was trained as a painter, but now focuses his practice on sculptures, installations, wall reliefs, etc. He did start off with paintings, but along the way felt that was too two dimensional. The shift happened in 2006 when Turner destroyed his canvases in a bonfire, which resulted in a piece called, 'Burning an Entire Body of Work.'



Turner's act regarding 'Burning an Entire Body of Work' reminds me of one that the Russian painter Kazimir Malevich did in 1913. Malevich did not like what he saw in a painting he was working on, so he painted it over with black and consequently made his most known work, 'The Black Square.' The shift of the art scene started with acts like Malevich's. We came from paintings that were perceived as extensions of the artist's body, to industrially produced object what are in fact artworks. And industrial not just because they look that way, but because the works are and can actually be industrially produced. [Daniel Turner](#) makes industrial art. He also makes art that is beyond beautiful. Beautiful in silent, pure and subtle way.

*What is the most essential part of your work? Idea, execution or final product?*

I think of each in equal measure; it's somewhat rare for me to divide the three.

*Are you confident when it comes to your work?*

Sure, although I have days even weeks when I'm not satisfied with anything I'm doing.

*What was the longest period of time you invested in a piece?*

I recently showed a piece titled Particle Processed Cafeteria, which involved dissolving the entire contents of a cafeteria then spraying that cafeteria onto the floor. That took about six years, which is probably the longest time I've ever spent thinking about, or working on a single sculpture.

*How many times in between did you change your mind about the look of it and how many times did you want to stop?*

None.



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*PARTICLE PROCESSED CAFETERIA, STEEL, WOOD, DIMENSIONS VARIABLE, 2016.*

*How do you choose the materials you work with and do you love to experiment with different textures and unknown materials, or you prefer to stick with what you know?*

I chose to work with materials that resonate with me on an intuitive and philosophical level. Experimenting is important, although the majority of experimenting that takes place is happening in my head.

*You were trained as a painter but in 2006 you stopped painting, and you started to produce a different kind of work. That said, were you always interested in making the kind of art you do today, or at the beginning, your interest laid somewhere else, in actual paintings, let say?*

I arrived at sculpture through painting, that happened naturally. The paintings were leaning that direction, so I simply listened to the work.

*What kind of reaction do you hope to get from people?*

A sensible one.

*How do you know when to stop working on a successful work?*

I have to be engaged both spiritually and intellectually to stop working on a piece, but neither to begin one.

*What do you think makes someone an artist and when did the shift happen to you? Shift from non-artist to actually being one.*

I suppose everyone's an artist in their own right, although I think the term gets thrown around more so than it should. The shift happened for me when I realized that I had the capacity to really see, with a genuine interest in understanding myself in proximity to that vision.

*Who or what influenced your work the most?*

Probably the environment where I grew up.

*And that environment is?*

Farmland in southeast Virginia.

*Where do you see yourself in 10 years from now?*

Either in New York City or the middle of nowhere.

*When was the last time you cried?*

A few weeks ago.

*What is your view like at this exact moment?*

Limited.



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*BRITANNICA, MAPLE, FORMICA, STAINLESS STEEL, MIXED MEDIUMS (TWO PARTS),  
43 X 51 X 144 INCHES, EACH, 2012.*

Text: Katja Horvat

Photo: Courtesy of the artist

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A studio visit and interview with Daniel Turner in light of his upcoming solo show "Particle Processed Cafeteria" at König Galerie opening September 9th - purple ART



ÉTUDES — You've been in New York for a while. Besides being an undeniable beacon for art and culture, what was your reason for moving here?

DANIEL TURNER — It's New York, I mean at some point you don't have a choice.

ÉTUDES — Your studio is situated in Greenpoint which is a prominent area for industrial businesses. Does this environment motivate you in any way?

DANIEL TURNER — What's motivating about being situated here is the amount I can get away with.

ÉTUDES — We've worked on a handful of projects together over the past year and a half ("Marjorie, Marjorie - Special Edition, 110/120"). What have you been up to this summer?

DANIEL TURNER — Reducing a cafeteria into a liquid.

ÉTUDES — This is your third show with König, correct?

DANIEL TURNER — Yes.

ÉTUDES — How long would you say that you have been meditating on this work?

DANIEL TURNER — I've been thinking about this sculpture for about 6 years.

ÉTUDES — What was the catalyst? Were you actively seeking this cafeteria or did the object inspire the work?

DANIEL TURNER — The kitchen has been an interest of mine for sometime, one thing just led to another...

ÉTUDES — Just for the sake of clarification, can you describe what exactly the cafeteria contain(ed)? Where did it come from?

DANIEL TURNER — The cafeteria was salvaged from southeast Virginia which housed an array of public and civic functions.

(36) steel folding chairs

(3) 12ft collapsible steel/wooden tables

ÉTUDES — The concept of source seems to serve as a significant component of your work. Do you think that the source of material in artworks serves as the foundational support for the emotional dynamic of the piece?

DANIEL TURNER — In my own work yes absolutely, all materials carry emotional, geographical, political or sociological weight.

ÉTUDES — The production of "Particle Processed Cafeteria" pushed both physical and mental boundaries to the limit. Is this work the most demanding (physically, emotionally, mentally) piece you have ever produced?

DANIEL TURNER — It's too early to say if this has been the most mentally or emotionally taxing piece I've ever made. Those things take time. I can't really reflect or compare those aspects when working. Most everything I make combines those elements in equal measure.

ÉTUDES — Do you think that the significance of this work shifted along the way due to the production of the piece?

DANIEL TURNER — No, the production was always a significant element of the work. For me, significance is not imparted on how much time or physical energy is put into an individual work.

ÉTUDES — So, regardless of time spent on production, as long as the end result is achieved, the time spent getting there is irrelevant?

DANIEL TURNER — Absolutely.

ÉTUDES — The process is excruciatingly intense, physically speaking. Do you believe that physical endurance heightens the concept of destruction within the work?

DANIEL TURNER — Again, the amount of physical energy put into a sculpture or drawing makes no difference to me. The cafeteria was reduced by hand before being further chemically processed, because of that, its contents were imbued with a particular physicality, which only could arrive through the nature of the process which the material was subjected to.

ÉTUDES — The final part of "Particle Processed Cafeteria" involves you spraying the dissolved cafeteria onto the gallery floor, which, in a way is very ceremonial. Would you say that this action signifies the completion of the work?

DANIEL TURNER — Once the cafeteria has been sprayed the particles will begin the final process of molecular atrophy completing the entire evolution of the sculpture.

ÉTUDES — How much science is involved in the chemical process of dissolving?

DANIEL TURNER — The science behind chemical dissolution is fairly complex, luckily my needs are general.

ÉTUDES — Where did the interest in chemistry come from?

DANIEL TURNER — Simply through experimentation.

ÉTUDES — What is your process when deeming a work complete? Is it visual, physical, or does your work more appropriately fit a cyclical process of continuous development?

DANIEL TURNER — It's intuitive. If anything, a series of problems have to be resolved or a set of particulars have to arrive with clarity.

ÉTUDES — You are highly considerate of space. Would you say you were waiting on the appropriate arena to produce this piece, or would the piece adapt itself to any space?

DANIEL TURNER — The nature of this sculpture demands an unobstructed expanse of linear concrete. I think the piece would actually work in a variety of settings, yet subconsciously I knew the sculpture needed the appropriate footprint which St Agnes offered- an opportunity which I'm extremely grateful for.

ÉTUDES — Was the result a kind of visceral reaction to the environment?

DANIEL TURNER — The result is a respect for the materials. Overall that is often my general approach to work.

ÉTUDES — You used to be a painter, and have a piece called "Burning an Entire Body of Work", where you literally burned all of your paintings. With "Particle Processed Cafeteria" and other stain works, visually & productively speaking, would you consider this to be an evolution of your painting?

DANIEL TURNER — I consider it a evolution of my own sculpture, a synthesis of accumulative decompositions.

On view until October 30th, 2016 at König Galerie's St Agnes Nave, 118-121 Alexandrinenstrasse, Berlin.

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Daniel Turner at Parrasch Heijnen, LA



*Installation view. Daniel Turner, untitled, uv solax glass, rubber, 84" x 168" x 2.5" each (unique) 2016.  
credit: Parrasch Heijnen Gallery)*

By JEFFREY GRUNTHANER, APR. 2016

Daniel Turner is emerging as a forceful presence on the contemporary art scene. A man of few but highly impactful words, his creative output is similarly minimal and precise. When he makes objects, they tend to reference recognizable forms, with eerily recognizable functions. A group of sculptures I saw at Team Gallery, in 2014, could be described as troughs, too diminutive and elongated to have an identifiable purpose. Precisely wrought, they felt both alluring and alien; they seemed to repel interaction at the same time as they invited it.

Turner's new sculptures, exhibiting at Parrasch-Heijnen in LA, look like large tinted windows, decontextualized enough so as to appear "window-like." In the words of the press release, "the artist has developed two architectural scaled works in tempered glass. Consisting of several sheets of leaning glass stacked in two sections along the gallery wall, each sculpture forms a transparent achromatic scale." Rectangular in shape, the fact that the works are collections, strategically placed together, coupled with the uniqueness of their size, distinguishes them from panes that one would think to look through.

I've seen these sculptures in diminutive forms at Turner's impressively empty, laboratory-like studio in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Imagining those smaller works become enlarged, I immediately thought of surveillance, of the glass

towers that canopy Manhattan. Like the privatization of information, corporate architecture appears transparent, as though you could see inside it. Those buildings, however, bar outside viewers any clear vantage point. Standing behind the glass—enclosed by it—you can gaze out onto an entire city. From the outside, you can barely make out your own reflection.

On the occasion of Turner's eponymous exhibition in L.A., he and I spoke about his recent body of work, finally conducting our interview via email. What follows is from this email exchange, featuring Turner's unedited responses.

*Jeffrey Grunthaler: The works you're showing at Parrasch-Heijnen, LA, resemble works you've exhibited previously with Franklin Parrasch in NY. Both bodies of work resemble windows, and are untitled. Are these new pieces continuations of the old? Does the same concept underlie both?*

Daniel Turner: The material and idea for the pieces remain the same. Only the composition, scale, and coloring of the glass has shifted. The changes were fairly reserved, rather formal, nothing was manipulated.

*JG: You mentioned to me that these works remind you of the weather. I think of "weather" as a kind of pressure ineluctably influencing the arrangement of daily life, like snow or the mild climate of spring. Can you elaborate on this remark?*

DT: When I mentioned that the pieces reminded me of weather I'm thinking more in terms of painterly weather-variations of hue. The panes' proximity to the wall presents itself less with social preoccupations or natural phenomena so I find them quite painterly, even while reflecting its surroundings.

*JG: Glass seems like a peculiar medium to work with, in that it always bears a certain degree of transparency. Apart from intuition, could you tell me more about how you view the interplay between the function of a window (something you see out of, or through), and its placement in your sculptural work?*

DT: Unfortunately it really is just intuition. There is no interesting back story about how I fell through a pane of glass. Of course the properties of glass are incredibly complex. Its uses are universal from surveillance to pharmaceutical handling. Glass is neutral, almost indifferent, all of which I find attractive. At some point you start to work with what holds your interest.

*JG: In light of the minimalism of your exhibitions (which sometimes, if I'm not mistaken, have included only wall-rubbings, or traces of corrosion left on a floor), what do you hope to accomplish from your shows overall?*

DT: The same thing we all want—a transaction worth the time, a heightened sense of awareness.



*Daniel Turner, untitled (detail), uv solax glass, rubber; 84" x 168" x 2.5," 2016. (Photo credit: Parrasch Heijnen Gallery)*

*JG: Your sculptures distinguish themselves not only by their subtlety, but by the way they suggest industrial detritus. This aspect, though, is tempered by the way in which they present themselves: your sculptures are clean, polished, with little traces of the labor that went into making them. What is the relation between how you make a work, and the way in which it achieves its fully realized form?*

*DT: For the most part I work site specifically, meaning that the pieces are never fully resolved until the sculptures are placed.*

*JG: The works you're exhibiting at Parrasch-Heijnen possess the ostensibly menacing aspect of corporate architecture. Were corporate buildings an inspiration for this body of work?*

*DT: Absolutely.*

*JG: I'm curious about who you're looking at, and who you might cite as an influence for the works exhibited in this particular show, as well as influences on your work generally.*

*DT: Everyone from John Constable, to Mies van der Rohe; from Philip Glass, to Larry Bell.*

*JG: What materials do you prefer to work with? Is there anything specific about glass that especially interests you?*

*DT: I can't say I prefer any material over another. What's important is how the material is handled in a particular context at a particular time. WM*

*Daniel Turner runs through April 23*

one pic thursday. Daniel Turner



Untitled, 2016 nickel, brass, adhesive tape. 21 x 192 x 3 inches | 53.3 x 487.6 x 7.6 cm. image  
Courtesy Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York

For this exhibition entitled *110/120*, **TURNER** placed an 'accumulation of polished, nickel-plated brass rods cast diagonally upon the floor'. Stacked upon each other, the rods at once appear precious, individually treated, but also very much discarded and disposed of in the context of an empty domestic room. This work as a whole, gives the impression of abandonment. Human presence is absent, yet man's discarded wastes now mix with this vacant bourgeois space.

*110/120* by **DANIEL TURNER** is on view at Franklin Parrasch Gallery in New York until May 14, 2016.

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**DANIEL TURNER**



## Billig und gut

Mit ein paar Topfkratzen eine ganze Ausstellung bewerkstelligen? Kein Problem für Daniel Turner, den Sohn eines Altmetallhändlers

**M**anchmal ist sie ein Fleck an der Wand, eine rostige Spur auf dem Fußboden oder eine verrußte Scheibe. Es ist nicht ganz leicht, die Kunst von Daniel Turner als solche zu erkennen. Oft ist man als Betrachter erst einmal verwirrt. Ist der Metallschrott da auf dem Fußboden tatsächlich das Werk?

Ausgebildet wurde Turner als Maler, doch 2006, kurz nachdem er seinen Abschluss in der Tasche hatte, nahm er sämtliche Leinwände, verbrannte sie und erklärte die Aktion selbst zum Kunstwerk: „Burning an Entire Body of Work“. Der Künstler, der als Jugendlicher seinem Vater, einem Altmetallhändler, beim Recyceln ausrangierter Materialien half, interessiert sich für chemische Umwandlungsprozesse. Häufig benutzt er für seine Bilder und Installationen Werkstoffe wie Bitumen oder Kerosin, bisweilen pfeffert er auch schon mal eine Ladung alter Kühlschranksgriffe auf den Fußboden einer Galerie, auf dass sie sich gemeinsam mit kleinen abgesprungenen Metallteilen zu einer bizarren 3-D-Zeichnung formieren. Turner agiert wie ein Alchemist: Aus billigem Arbeitsmaterial erschafft er anmutige Bilder. So ließ der Künstler in bestimmten Abständen Jod in eine Küchenspüle tropfen und kreierte so Flecken, die bei näherer Betrachtung äußerst elegant wirken.

Auch ein Nebenjob als Museumsaufsicht brachte Turner auf Ideen: Die zufälligen Abnutzungsspuren, die Besucher auf den makellosen Museumswänden hinterließen, inspirierten ihn zu einer Serie von Wandarbeiten, für die er mit einem Stück Stahlwolke wolkenförmige Flächen in die Oberflächen rieb. „Wie viele Künstler suchte ich nach einem billigen Material für eine große Geste“, erzählt Turner. Und wer kann schon mit einem einzigen Topfkratzer eine gesamte Ausstellung bestücken? Meist dauert es eine Zeit, bis man bemerkt, dass es Turner gelingt, den groben Materialien Eigenschaften wie Fragilität, Verletzbarkeit, ja sogar Poesie zu entlocken. Eine Aura, die auch dadurch entsteht, dass die meisten seiner Interventionen vergänglich sind. Hinterher wird das Material oft zusammengefügt oder die Arbeit wird überstrichen. **SANDRA DANICKE**

**STECKBRIEF**

**GEBOREN** | 1983, Portsmouth, Virginia.

**WOHNORT** | New York City.

**AUSBILDUNG** | San Francisco Art Institute.

**WEBSEITE** | [www.danieladamturner.com](http://www.danieladamturner.com)

**GALERIE** | Jericho Ditch, Isle of Wight, Virginia.

**INITIALZÜNDUNG** | Die Landschaft.

**HÖHEPUNKT** | Täglich.

**TIEFPUNKT** | Täglich.

**HELDEN** | Medizinisches Personal, Architekten, Ingenieure, Bauarbeiter.

**CREDO** | Die Gegenwart.

**EIN RAT, DER IHNEN GEHOLFEN HÄTTE** | Nichts ist, was es scheint.

**WARUM KÜNSTLER, NICHT BANKER?** | Das passierte auf eine ganz natürliche Art und Weise.



Wo ist die Kunst? An der Wand! Schrubbspuren ohne Titel (2012)



Hier sind es Salzablagerungen in den Edelstahlbecken: ohne Titel (2013)



**KUNST**

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**Kramer**

Der Saal war übertoll be-  
setzt, als **Gerda Breuer**,  
Designhistorikerin an der  
Universität Wuppertal,  
neulich ihren Vortrag über  
**Ferdinand Kramer** begann.  
Hat der Architekt und Ge-  
stalter nun doch genügend  
Fans in seiner Heimatstadt?  
Der Vortrag jedenfalls kon-  
zentrierte sich auf die von  
Kramer zwischen 1925 und  
1960 entworfenen Alltagsge-  
genstände – Stühle, Tische,  
Hocker, Liegen, Kannen,  
Öfen, Türgriffe und Regal-  
systeme – und gibt einen  
Vorgesmack auf jene Aus-  
stellung, die das **Museum  
Angewandte Kunst**, in des-  
sen Räumen der Vortrag auf  
Einladung der Polytechni-  
schen Gesellschaft Frankfurt  
auch stattfand, ab Mitte Fe-  
bruar eröffnen wird. Dabei  
kann das Haus auf die weit-  
aus üppiger ausgestattete  
Sammlung von Kramer-Mö-  
beln der Uni Wuppertal zu-  
rückgreifen, und das ist auch  
notwendig. Denn das MAK  
selbst hat nur einen einzigen  
Bugholzstuhl von ihm, was  
erheblich überrascht, denn  
Kramer war nie in Wupper-  
tal, aber (bis auf sein USA-  
Exil 1937 bis 1952) konti-  
nuierlich in Frankfurt tätig.  
Also, wenn ich mir was  
wünschen täte, würde  
ich mir wünschen, die  
Wuppertaler würden ihr  
Konvolut den Frankfurter  
vermachen ...



*Erschöpfung in der Gruppe: David Turners Installation bei Bischoff Projects*

**Daniel Turner**

**Das Objekt, am Boden.  
Was die Schau des  
New Yorkers aussagt.  
Und was nicht.**

**Etwa dreißig** längliche Gegen-  
stände sind über den Fußboden ver-  
streut. Sie liegen teils in Gruppen,  
teils allein. Dazwischen manch  
zerborstener Beschlag und ein biss-  
chen Schmutz. Bei genauerer Be-  
trachtung erkennt man in den Ge-  
genständen immer ein und dieselbe  
Variante: Griffe von Kühlschrän-  
ken, die in den 1970ern oder frühen  
1980ern benutzt wurden. Sie sind  
einander ähnlich. Doch es ist nicht  
von erheblicher Bedeutung, dass  
diese Gegenstände in amerikani-  
schen Haushalten zum Einsatz ka-  
men. Wichtig scheint dagegen  
schon, dass das Ding einst ein Mitt-

ler war zwischen einer Hand und  
der Kühlschranktür, die auf- und  
zugemacht wurde, zigmal am Tag.  
Das macht das Ding einerseits  
höchst wichtig, andererseits aber  
auch so unsichtbar wie jeder gute  
Diener eben. Der Kühlschrankgriff  
ein alltagshistorisch aufgeladenes  
Objekt?  
Daniel Turner, der mit dem Koffer  
voller abmontierter Beschläge aus  
New York anreiste, sagt, dass es  
„erschöpfte Dinge“ wären, die er  
halb zufällig, halb kontrolliert auf  
dem Boden der Galerie Bischoff  
verteilt. Das leuchtet ein, erwägt  
man die abgelaufene Funktion der  
Teile. Doch um die Darstellung von  
Erschöpfung, um Leere, kann es  
ihm nicht allein gehen. Vielmehr  
nimmt Turner ja das Müde dieses  
Dings wieder zurück, indem er die  
Griffe zunächst aussucht, ab-  
schraubt und schließlich in Grup-  
pen über den Boden einer Galerie  
verteilt. Da ist ein kompositorischer  
Wille zu erkennen, der Zufall und  
Präzision bewusst steuert, um  
schließlich dem Ding eine neue

Form in der Gruppe und im Raum  
zu geben. Da begreift einer den Bo-  
den als Format, das es – ganz klas-  
sisch eine Künstleraufgabe – zu  
füllen gilt. Und diese Komposition  
folgt der physischen Gegebenheit:  
In einer Ecke hockt Turner und  
wirft von dort längliche Dinge  
durch den Raum. Wo sie landen,

**1** Daniel Turner, Ausstellung  
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13-18.30 Uhr, Sa 11-14 Uhr u. n. V.

bleiben sie erst einmal liegen und  
bilden Markierungen. Wenig wird  
nachher korrigiert. Und so sucht  
der Betrachter die Klammer dieser  
Gedankenstränge – Umdeutung des  
Dings durch Entleerung einerseits,  
Neuformierung als Zeichnung im  
Format –, die für sich genommen  
plausibel sind, doch sich auch Kon-  
kurrenz machen.

**>> Lehrstück über das Ding, die  
Dinge und deren Neufindung im  
Raum.**  
Grit Weber

The Brooklyn Rail, "In conversation with Phong Bui", Phong Bui, cover, pages 36-40, April, 2014, ill.

**IN CONVERSATION**



**DANIEL TURNER**  
with Phong Bui



In the midst of preparing for his new exhibit *PM* at Team Gallery (May 4 – June 1, 2014), the artist Daniel Turner (whose works were among those featured in the 2013 exhibit *Come Together: Surviving Sandy, Part I* this past autumn) welcomed publisher Phong Bui to his Greenpoint studio to talk about his life and work.

**Phong Bui (Rail):** Knowing your ongoing interest, which has been invested in the subject of the lurking violence or destruction that mediates between technology and nature, between an aura of ephemeral images and objecthood, as well as the transformation of familiar objects into absurd images, without any surrealist associations—and is as subtle as a strand of hair—I wonder if the burning of over three dozen of your paintings a few months after you graduated from San Francisco Art Institute (S.F.A.I) in 2006 prompted a new direction in your work?

**Daniel Turner:** First let me say that the paintings were of various scales, ranging from about eight by six feet to 18 feet by 26 feet, and were heavily made out of industrial materials, such as kerosene, diesel, liquid aluminum, bitumen emulsion, and were all made on a rural piece of property in southeast Virginia. What drove me in the end to burn them all, as they were becoming more three dimensional, is that they were weighing on me somewhere in the back of my mind. Burning them was a way to release that heavy burden for a fresh beginning. It was a positive action.

**Rail:** Would you say it was liberating and sensational simultaneously?!

**Turner:** Actually I almost caught the entire forest on fire. The fire department came. Unfortunately my digital camera died during the process so I only have about three or four images as documentation.

**Rail:** It doesn't surprise me since the works are loaded with flammable materials, which would accelerate the burning process even more intensely.

**Turner:** It certainly did. Also, I should say that on this piece of land we burned trash, we burned metals, copper, literally tons of material. So burning was a natural thing for me, not quite as dramatic as someone may think.

**Rail:** In James Shaeffer's essay on your work there was a reference made to the notion of the sublime and J.M.W. Turner, which reminded me of his landmark painting "The Burning of the House of Lords and Commons"—an event Turner himself witnessed on the evening of October 16, 1834. One could say that in regard to burning as a sublime experience—which has been explored by Kant to Edmund Burke, Kenneth Burke, among others—the bombing of Baghdad from March 9 to April 4, 2003, which was shown on television from a fixed vantage point quite far away from the event, evoked similar simultaneous excitement and terror. Some even thought it appeared celebratory like the Fourth of July. Also, from such a distance, it emphasized our sense of safety, as David Levi Strauss has pointed out in the past. Anyway, apart from being made from very unconventional, industrial, and flammable materials, your paintings seem to have been about the dark romantic sensibility, akin to the serene yet menacing monochrome paintings of late Rothko, of Lee Bontecou in the late '50s through the '60s. I can even think of the emblematic and weighty dark objects of Jannis Kounellis and Anselm Kiefer.

**Turner:** They were all very influential to my early works. The attraction to darkness or blackness may have begun with the landscape that I grew up in, which would turn pitch black after sunset—you can't even see your hand in front of your face, although I probably cannot accurately refer to it as a singular source.

**Rail:** How about other additional sources that may have emerged, for example, while you were in art school?

**Turner:** Conversation became the most lucrative asset. Although in time I became increasingly unhappy there, partly because I had to work in a contained room with others, which I wasn't at all used to. As a result, I dropped out, went back to Virginia and I painted there for a year or so. Eventually I made my way back to California.

**Rail:** Was there a particular teacher who was sympathetic to what you were doing?

**Turner:** Yes. Three in particular: Carlos Villa, Dewey Crumpler, and Jeremy Morgan recognized a diversity in my thinking and social behavior as a student. Dewey always told me that I should just pay attention to the work, and not bother going into class, so I worked outside in the meadow.

**Rail:** What was the first work you made after the burning?

**Turner:** I started working with soot that was generated from a controlled condition of fire so that it would fall on Plexiglas, or other found objects. I actually began to look at these objects as they were either lying on the floor or leaning against the wall, then I realized that I should let them exist naturally, without any interference. I should also say that at that time I built a very important

room, a 20-foot by 20-foot white cube space that would allow me to look at the work more carefully. Even though all the works were made outdoors, I could bring them in and look at them for a long time before claiming their existence in a particular context.

**Rail:** So “Sp.1” (2007), made of soot on Plexiglas was your first work since the burning?

**Turner:** Yes.

**Rail:** What does the abbreviation “Sp.1” stand for?

**Turner:** Soot Plexiglas 1.

**Rail:** Very simple. And in the same year you made “Norfolk Southern,” a ready-made work of essentially two brass fireplace irons facing each other while lying on top of a piece of marble on the floor.



“Norfolk Southern,” 2007. Brass fireplace tools, marble, soot, 14”× 47”× 14”. Courtesy of artist.

**Turner:** Right. When I built this room as an extension of the studio, I was able to take ordinary objects that were around and look at them more critically, which really helped me see. In fact I still work this way today. I started to realize that there’s something happening in objects or forms that were not happening in the previous paintings. My eyes began to pay more attention, and to really consider everything around me as a potential avenue. Sometimes the looking can take hours before the thinking starts to take place or vice versa.

**Rail:** When did you move to New York?

**Turner:** I first came in 2008, but again I was frustrated with the lack of space. So I retreated back to Virginia and worked there for a while until I was accepted into the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council Residency by Wall Street

**Rail:** That was when you did the “PM” installation.

**Turner:** Yes.

**Rail:** Would you say that “PM” was a full-blown fabrication of a kitchen cabinet with a sink?

**Turner:** Yes, though it already existed before I arrived. In other words, my studio was the kitchen space and I tried to work in that studio, but gradually it became clear to me that nothing I could produce would be as interesting as this ready-made environment. It was loaded with previous history as well as my recent relationship to it. So I just accepted the actual environment. Therefore my interventions were minimal. Filling the sink with iodine, controlling the drip of water from the sink to every 10, 15 seconds, chipping a small portion of the floor, and gradually pressing steel wool into the wall. I was trying to understand the space if one would inhabit it for a prolonged period of time. I would lean in the corner as a place to rest or I would get frustrated and start chipping the floor.

**Rail:** And you never had a desire to replicate that environment?



Daniel Turner, “Untitled,” 2010. Steel wool burnish, dimensions variable. Courtesy of artist.

**Turner:** Not until a few years later. [Laughs.] I mean it was heavy in my mind for years, but I could never figure out quite what to do with it. I must admit though that I kept trying to produce things that were somewhat interesting, and I would hang them on the wall, and I would look at them on the floor, and they just didn’t add up, and couldn’t compete with the environment.

**Rail:** How long did the residency last?

**Turner:** About eight months.

**Rail:** Like a Zen meditation everyday.

**Turner:** I suppose you could say that.

**Rail:** I know you’ve mentioned in the past that the rubbed steel wool pieces came from the experience of being a guard in the New Museum, where any kind of leaning against the wall, which would inevitably leave some kind of mark, was prohibited.

**Turner:** Yes. I was also interested in the performative side of leaning as an act. Although at the time I felt compelled to produce a similar gesture of the lean with a material that is normally dealt with in terms of volume or weight. So after trying unsuccessfully with a range of materials applied to the wall and even paper I came to steel wool. Funny enough, it took a while to realize that I was



Daniel Turner, Studio view, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council 2008. Courtesy of the artist.

pushing steel into paint, not drywall.

**Rail:** [*Laughs.*] Well, it's the same concept with the metal or silver point techniques: the paper is sized with a couple of coats of bone dust mixed with water, so when you scratch it with the silverpoint, it produces a very light mark oxidized over time.

**Turner:** Right, I even tried to accelerate the oxidation process, but it's difficult because it became contradictory and overly painterly in nature. I would occasionally get results here and there but nothing that excited me.

Daniel Turner, Studio view, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council 2008. Courtesy of the artist.

**Rail:** Can you determine how big, small, high, or low the rubbing would generate according to each given environment?

**Turner:** It's something that's hard to talk about because each case demands its own specific response to architecture. There is no set formula to any of them. I've made probably 10 or 15 of them in various spaces over the last few years and they are all completely different.

**Rail:** And each environment may also require a different grade of steel wools altogether.

**Turner:** Yes, some walls just don't take to the steel at all. For example, when I did the show at White Cube in London I tried for a few days and it wasn't working. So I had the preparators re-paint the walls with an entirely different paint so that it would catch the tooth.

**Rail:** I read that a rubbed piece that you recently did at Objectif Exhibitions in Antwerp took you 12 hours straight to execute?

**Turner:** That work is titled "12 hour Registration." Initially I was approached to do an entire exhibition with steel wool in Antwerp. I'd been previously thinking about the idea of fatigue for some time and ironically enough arrived to install quite exhausted myself. So once I arrived I laid down in a corner and thought I needed to reconfigure everything. Because to some degree I had been "painting" all along, so I removed the material "wool" and allowed my own body to make the reregistration by leaning and pressing my own body against the wall.

**Rail:** So the body—I mean you were wearing a black sweatshirt and jeans, plus a pair of black boots—became the rubbing instead of the hand rubbing steel wool on the wall.

**Turner:** Right, I needed to remove any external tool. Instead of applying a pad of wool in a painterly manner to the wall I decided to push my own body into the specific portion of the wall.

**Rail:** Were you aware of Jasper Johns's 1962 "Skin" drawing in which he pressed his face, hands, and head with oil against the piece of paper tacked on the wall, then only after many light strokes of charcoal applied on the paper, the imprints over the traces of the oil were revealed?

**Turner:** Sure, I'm also taken by a few of Chris Burden's early performances, particularly "Honest Labor." The idea of working for essentially no reason is interesting to me.

**Rail:** Have you had an interest in Beuys as well?

**Turner:** Of course, he was highly influential to me. You know I grew up picking up a lot of trash in my life early through my fathers old business. My family's property essentially became a compound for recycling material. So questioning what is trash and what is not trash gave me a huge admiration for discarded objects. Bueys seemed to have the ability to inject material with a sense of universal reason.

**Rail:** What was the genesis of the iron oxide stain in "Untitled" (2011)?

**Turner:** I was trying to establish something equivalent to the stains left from industry that I noticed walking around the city, streets, or even in parking lots in the suburbs or in driveways. I was spilling iodine on the floor for a while, but it didn't make any sense—it lead me to iron oxide.

**Rail:** So the one that you did at Martos Gallery a year later in 2011 in a two person show with Colin Snapp was the first of the pour pieces?

**Turner:** Yes.



Daniel Turner, "Untitled," 2013. Polyethylene, stainless steel, aluminum, iron, dimensions variable. Installation view Bischoff

**Rail:** In looking at the UV tinted glass and rubber pieces, "Untitled (4/13/12)," "Untitled Pylamyra (4/17/12)," and "Untitled Pylamyra (4/15/12)," the black rubber that covers the edges functions as a form of drawing as well as a container of space. In some ways they evoke Donald Judd's early works because the issues of art and objecthood, where they are between paintings, reliefs, and sculptures and were all mediated simultaneously through surface, color, form, and so on.

**Turner:** Although I admire Judd's work as well as his writings, Gerhard Richter's "Six Grey Mirrors" (No. 884/1 – 6, 2003) at Dia: Beacon had an enormous impact on me in terms of thinking about conflating the registers of painting, sculpture, and architecture into a unified environmental situation. Something that I like to really pay attention to these days: when an object doesn't need me. Recently I was approached to do an exhibition in Frankfurt with discarded refrigerator handles that I have been collecting. I arrived in Frankfurt with a suitcase full of them, got to the space, and I threw them across the floor and the composition was great. Afterwards I tried to arrange a few of the objects to my personal ideas of composition. It was clear they didn't want it to happen. That was a really great lesson, because certain

objects have their own life, they have their own energy. They don't need you. So if I'm able to even shed a touch of light on certain objects, individually or collectively, that's great. But when I try to impose my hand, that's when the argument starts to arise.

**Rail:** I have this feeling that you are a slow brewer.

**Turner:** Yes, I work incredibly slowly. I walk around the city for six months dwelling on an idea. Then in the studio maybe one or two things will happen, maybe nothing happens. Then I may try to just place one object on the floor and look at it for a while until it tells me what to do.

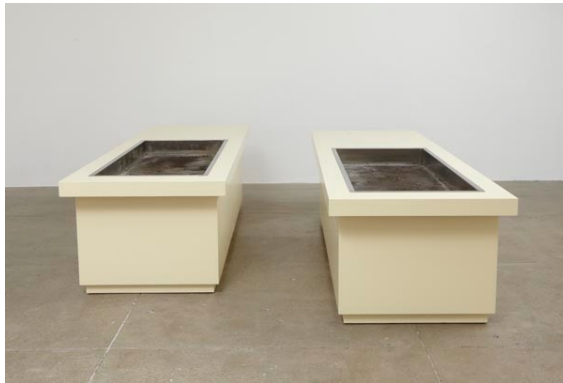
**Rail:** Is there a particular daily routine? Is it systematic, random, or a mixture of the two?

**Turner:** I walk a lot. I try at least to walk from my apartment in Chinatown to the studio in Greenpoint and back everyday. The walk is good for my work. It's an important part of my practice. I get in the studio, and a lot of days, nothing happens. I just sort of stare at the wall, a lot.

**Rail:** There's a very nice story of Jasper Johns visiting Brice Marden's studio, just before Marden's first show at Bykert Gallery in 1966. There was a long painting on the wall, and as the sun was just setting, it cast this big shadow across the painting. It seemed like hours passed that both were just sitting there waiting for the shadow to go away. And the second that it went off the edge, Johns looked at Marden and said, "That was nice."

**Turner:** I can certainly relate to that. [*Laughs.*]

**Rail:** You know, Daniel, when I first saw the countertop pieces in your Greenpoint studio, just before the Sandy exhibit last summer, I thought they were both coffin- or casket-like, which implies the death of your painting. But then they also appear in between a sink and a bathtub, as well as a countertop. The domestic environment associations seem to relate to "PM," the kitchen installation at Lower Manhattan Cultural Council.



Daniel Turner, "Untitled," 2013. Maple, polyethylene, aluminum, stainless steel, mixed mediums, 24" x 28" x 108" each. Courtesy of artist.

**Turner:** That's right, it all stemmed for that psychologically numbing environment made from processed materials like linoleum, formica, and MDF.

**Rail:** How did you determine placing the countertops as a pair?

**Turner:** One is not enough and three is too many.

**Rail:** What about the issue of scale? How big, how small, how high, and how long, and so on?

**Turner:** I started paying attention to cattle feeders. Initially the proportions attracted me. The first works made in this series were scaled to a domestic proportion that we have become accustomed to on a day-to-day basis. And then I realized I had to throw them into another realm that suggests some sort of other potential phenomenon that's not equated with the domestic experience. Maybe it's something that deals with agricultural implications like factory farming, cleaning

fish, or an elementary school cafeteria. Anyway, I started walking that line of ambiguity, and that was how the scale came to be.

**Rail:** So it's very visceral in terms of scale.

**Turner:** Very visceral, yeah.

**Rail:** And each work is made for a specific space?

**Turner:** Yes. As with this exhibit at Team, I've spent about a year looking at the space and thinking about how the scale of these objects make sense according to the scale of the actual room.

**Rail:** They'll be three pieces. One pair is measured—

**Turner:** Two works are 21 feet in length and another is about 10 feet in length—yet all are three just under 3 feet tall.

**Rail:** And a singular one would go perpendicularly.

**Turner:** Yes. The shortest of the three pieces. The idea is that when you walk into the space you first encounter the longer units, walk to the back of the gallery around the singular perpendicular unit, do a U-turn and then come back around and experience all three in totality before walking out the door onto Grand Street.

**Rail:** What about the base color on them? They look similar to the first "PM" installation.

**Turner:** It's a very similar color.

**Rail:** Is it a standardized color?

**Turner:** Not at all. It's neither pleasant nor offensive—it's more numbing than anything. You find it here or there at the DMV the Board of Elections, etc.

**Rail:** Cool. I'd like to shift to a different question: Were you already working with the water from the Newtown Creek before Superstorm Sandy?

**Turner:** I started to incorporate the water a few months or so before the storm hit. Just a short while after the storm I had about four feet of the Newtown Creek in my space.

**Rail:** That's very eerie that you were using the water and then let it evaporate before Sandy.

**Turner:** Very eerie indeed.

# Flash Art

## Studio Visit

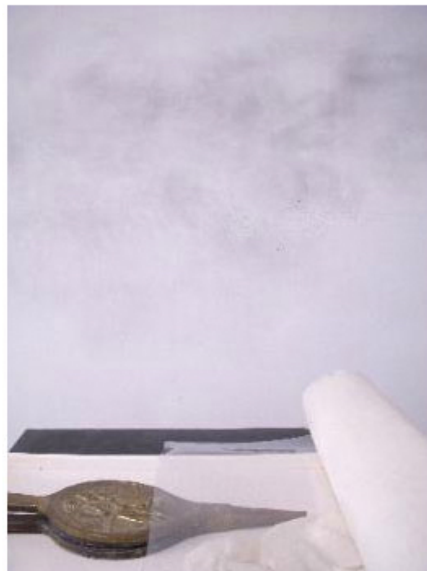
### **Daniel Turner**

*Bozidar Brazda*

Daniel Turner's work is dirty. The product (or by-product) of gasoline, soot, and roofing tar. Perhaps it is kismet that his New York studio (he has another in rural Virginia) is located in the Greenpoint neighborhood of Brooklyn, not far from where 'The Greenpoint Oil Release' — a kind of oil spill in slow motion, and one of the largest in history — was first spotted in 1978 by a helicopter pilot. Vapor readings from parts of the area still indicate traces of the by-product benzene.



Appropriately, a series of works in which the artist traps coal-based tar between sheets of plastic retain a faint petroleum smell after they are removed from his studio. This distinct smell underscores the strange relationship between art and heavy industry. One only has to look to Venice Beach in the 1960's, where cheap artists studios and oil wells once made strange bedfellows, to see that this is not a local phenomenon. It becomes tempting to hypothesize that LA's finish fetish genre (ultimately preoccupied with rendering the surface of a gas guzzling hot rod in minimal form) may in some small way be the subliminal manifestation of long days spent in studios filled with local fracking fumes.



More recently Turner has focused on a series of on-site scuffed walls. Inspired by his time as a security guard at the New Museum — where leaning was forbidden — the wall rubbing pieces are made with steel wool, and initially approximate the look of a wall marked by encounters with jackets, jeans and shoes. It is only when seen in the context of his other, more fossil-fuelled works, that they begin to take on the look of a wall tarnished by soot—a kind of contemporary *sfumato* painting. Versions in his studio, at West Street Gallery and Pianissimo Gallery in Milan resonate somewhere between the deconstruction of this Renaissance smoke effect and the tallow-soot damaged wall of a painter's studio (pre-electricity of course). Turner's use of materials as 'by-products' (coal tar, smoke, scuffing) reminds us that all art is a kind of mark, or marker, or A facsimile of that most fatal of art forms, time.

**NEW YORK**

**Daniel Turner**

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YOU'D BE FORGIVEN for arriving at this Williamsburg gallery and thinking that you'd just missed the deinstallation of Daniel Turner's site-specific work "Mariana." The space is empty but for the four walls, each smudged with a fading horizon line of gray not unlike marks left behind by now-removed furniture. In fact, the abraded surfaces are the main event: For this, the 28-year-old artist's first show here, he knelt on the floor and used steel-wool pads, held

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shoulder height, to scrub and mar the walls' white paint in a gesture halfway between drawing and vandalism, so gently executed that the underlying grain sometimes overrode the pressure of his hand. The resulting smokelike cloud, softer than graphite, is a Whistler-worthy sfumato that tapers and swells, trailing off and coming back again across the sole corner joint, collecting like exhaust on the opposite end of the room. The effect is absorbing: poetic, unsettling,

and oddly beautiful, all the more so for being so simple. Turner's materials vary; the Portsmouth, Virginia, native has used a tray of smoking charcoal to cast soot on seven-foot-tall Plexiglas murals, dipped loosely pleated vinyl curtains in industrial tar, washed Solex glass with iodine, and rubbed iron-oxide powder across a poured-concrete floor. But the steel-wool wall drawings, which have also appeared in Milan and elsewhere, are the most daring of the lot. They are the antithesis of the work of Carl Andre or Richard Serra (alongside whose pieces Turner's rubbings appeared in "Perfect Man II," also this fall, at New York's White Columns): minimalized rather than Minimalist, evacuated. Reduced to the residue of creation, the gallery space in Turner's hands becomes not the art's container but its spent crucible.

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# Interview

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## *DANIEL TURNER*

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Daniel Turner's work speaks in severely luxurious tones. Even the idea of going from scattered group shows to his first big solo at London's White Cube gallery this month points to the 29-year-old artist's ability to harness grandeur. Drawing on the punk-heroic post-minimalism of Steven Parrino, Turner's techniques walk a fine modernist line, generating the aura of a shaman using an absurdly stark economy of means.

At White Cube, Turner is presenting work from two ongoing series that evidence his interest in the rituals of work. One is a large-scale rubbing, which he created mostly by attacking and massaging a plaster wall with steel wool, removing layers of paint. He has made these inverted paintings for the past two years, ever since his brief stint as a guard at the New Museum in New York, where he would inadvertently lean against the pristine walls and leave marks on them with his body. The highly variable works (his boot makes a different mark than his sleeve, for instance) evoke the sublime social realism of J.M.W. Turner's polluted skylscapes, or more recent material works like Lawrence Weiner's removals of plaster from gallery walls. "I was searching, like many artists, for a cheap material to make a large gesture," Turner explains. "I can fly around the world with a \$1.50 bag of steel wool and make an entire exhibition with it."

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