

BEYOND BLACK WHITE AND GRAY

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Günther Uecker
Gegenstroemung II
1965

Jo Baer, Dan Flavin, Mark Grotjahn, David Hammons, Mark Handforth, Damien Hirst, Robert Indiana, Sol LeWitt, Liza Lou, Agnes Martin, Paul McCarthy, Robert Morris, Ad Reinhardt, Anselm Reyle, Richard Serra, Tony Smith, Frank Stella, Günther Uecker, Andy Warhol

L&M Arts is proud to announce *Beyond Black, White, and Gray*, a retroactive and contemporary look at this reductive aesthetic, inspired by the historic 1964 exhibition curated by Samuel Wagstaff for the Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford.

For the original exhibition, *Black, White, and Gray*, Wagstaff transcended stylistic and generational boundaries to unite a broad body of work with visually minimal affinities. The result was a provocative exhibition that recognized analogous anti-subjective tendencies in fine art, literature, philosophy, and fashion, shepherded in mainstream acceptance of the minimal style, and inspired critical debate. One objection was to the show's bottom-line. Wagstaff believed this austere sensibility emphasized a pervasive move away from "emotion... handwriting... brushwork... or attempt to please or ingratiate," and accordingly, he deemed new art anti-expressive.

With *Beyond Black, White, and Gray* L&M Arts considers work with a similar colorless palette by minimal and pop artists included in the original exhibition, additional important proto and post-minimal figures, and well-known contemporary artists. Although some of the examples selected are deliberately erroneous (Indiana's silver *Love* replaces the original black and white *Die*), the overall impact is, like the original, unprejudicedly stark. While such a bare aesthetic may downplay disparate artistic processes and intentions, we hope visitors will take a second look. In fact, this reductive art can be quite expressive. Which leads to the clichéd, yet appropriate question – maybe things are not so black and white?



David Hammons
Untitled (Basketball Drawing)
2006/2007

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 - 5:30. L&M Arts is located at 45 East 78 Street, between Park and Madison Avenues. For additional information please contact the gallery at +1.212.861.0020 or visit our website: www.lmgallery.com