

JAMES KELLY | CONTEMPORARY

TEL: 505 989-1601 1611 PASEO DE PERALTA
FAX: 505 989-5005 SANTA FE, NM 87501 U.S.A.

SCUBA "Expo"

An exhibition of drawings

March 27 – June 20 2015

Reception for the artists Friday March 27 5-7PM



SCUBA *untitled*, 2015, ink transfer on paper, 16 x 19 inches

The duo of Sandra Wang and Crockett Bodelson create art together under the name "SCUBA" an entity they created in 2009. From 2011 to the spring of 2014, they lived and worked here in Santa Fe, running an art exhibition space called "Caldera Gallery" as well as making their own art. Since that time they have been living and working in

Brooklyn and this will be their first return to the Santa Fe scene.

The last piece SCUBA exhibited in Santa Fe was "Ice Pop", a floating mobius strip of internally illuminated tissue paper architecture. In fact, all of SCUBA's work in recent years has been three-dimensional, even though their roots are in painting. The current show "Expo" is made up of drawings created by a fairly elaborate method that allows non-hierarchical cooperation, negation and a transformation of the original artist's marks through process. In the current work, the artists take turns working on drawings executed with dry-erase markers on Plexiglas. During this process marks are added and subtracted, and the translucent color of the markers prevents a chronological reading of the finished drawing; instead all marks are equal and the chronology of the layers is not discernable.

The finished drawings are then transferred to paper by a printing process where the inks are re-liquefied with a solvent and the Plexiglas "plate" brought into contact with the paper that receives the drawing. What the viewer sees as the end result of this multi-stage collaborative process is a colorful diagram of two artists interacting and responding to each other in a manner reminiscent of the "exquisite corpse" technique practiced by the Surrealists, but with each artist having access to the whole drawing at every stage.

For further information please contact Stephen Husbands at 505-989-1601 or Stephen@jameskelly.com

Images available on request.