# **BEN BROWN FINE ARTS**



Ron Arad, Rod Gomli, stainless steel rods with single bronze rod, edition of 3, 242 x 100 x 121 cm. (95 1/4 x 39 3/8 x 47 5/8 in.)

## ART BASEL HONG KONG 15 -17 MARCH 2015 STAND 3E15

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Ben Brown Fine Arts announces their fifth time participation in Art Basel Hong Kong since the fair's inception in 2011, with a presentation of works by some of their most celebrated artists including Candida Höfer, Claude and François-Xavier Lalanne, Gavin Turk, Ron Arad, and Vik Muniz.

Forbidden City (2014) by Brazilian artist **Vik Muniz** will be shown to the public for the first time at the fair. The piece is part of the ongoing series, *Postcards from Nowhere*, featuring large-scale colour photographs based on iconic landmarks around the world. Muniz creates these images using scraps of postcards, which once collaged together suggest a tactile, impastoed surface. His distinctive technique gives a delicate impression of the Beijing palace, a small nod to the second stop of his travelling retrospective *Pictures of Anything*, the artist's first solo exhibition in China, held in Shanghai last year.

Israeli artist, designer, sculptor and architect **Ron Arad** is known for obfuscating the boundaries between art and design. In *Rod Gomli* (2009), one of Arad's striking sculptural pieces, the artist continues his everevolving reinvention of the chair. The sculpture is based on the human figure, featuring a negative impression of an invisible sitter, the 'everyman'. Composed of polished stainless steel and bronze rods the piece has a jewel-like quality intensified by the shimmer of light as the weighted sculpture rocks.

A further highlight on the stand will be the new work *Pavlovks Palace Pavlovsk IX 2014* by **Candida Höfer**. This imposing photograph captures one of Russia's most important 18<sup>th</sup> century imperial residences and is part of Candida's new St. Petersburg series in which the artist characteristically documents historic buildings including The Hermitage, Yusopov Palace, Mariinsky Theatre and Catherine Palace. The complete series will be featured in a solo exhibition devoted to Höfer at The Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, opening in June this year.

#### ARTISTS EXHIBITED

Ron Arad, Alexander Calder, Miquel Barceló, Tony Bevan, Simon Birch, Alighiero Boetti, Yoan Capote, Tseng Kwong Chi, Kitty Chou, Lucio Fontana, Ori Gersht, Candida Höfer, Wang Keping, Claude Lalanne, François-Xavier Lalanne, Ye Linghan, Vik Muniz, Nabil Nahas, Frank Stella, Djamel Tatah, Gavin Turk, Yunizar

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Founded in 2004, Ben Brown Fine Arts is located on Brook's Mews in the heart of Mayfair. The gallery has prominently positioned itself on the contemporary art scene with the sole UK representation of artists such as Ron Arad, Tony Bevan, Candida Höfer, Claude and François-Xavier Lalanne, Gavin Turk, Not Vital and Heinz Mack. Also renowned for its strong expertise in 20th Century Italian Art, the gallery has been exhibiting the work of Lucio Fontana and Alighiero Boetti, amongst others, since its inception. In 2009 Ben Brown Fine Arts took their first step in an international expansion with the opening of an exhibition space in Hong Kong.

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Candida Höfer Pavlovsk Palace Pavlovsk IX 2014 C-print Edition of 6 180 x 218.9 cm. (70 7/8 x 86 1/8 in.)



Vik Muniz Forbidden City (Postcards from Nowhere), 2014 Digital C-print Edition of 6 + 4 AP 180.3 x 256.8 cm. (71 x 101 1/8 in.)