

Me & the Material Magic

-Paul Butler, Happy Fun, Matthew Lusk-

at Explosivo/chashama
[a new series of exhibitions + events]
169 Ave C at 10th St

Oct 26-Nov 18

Opening: Fri, Oct 26, 7-9pm

Hours: Thu-Sun, 1-7pm

Special event: Friday, Nov 9, 8pm

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"Me and the Material Magic," curated by Tracy Candido, initiates a dialogue pertaining to the idea of art within the framework of the contemporary commodity and the social relationships which center around our values placed on buying, selling, owning, and collecting objects.

Two artists, Paul Butler (Winnipeg) and Matthew Lusk (southerner), and one art collective, Happy Fun (consisting of the founders of Brooklyn's Secret Project Robot- Erik Z. and Rachel Nelson), use salvaged materials to create collages out of wasteful disregard, experiment with Minimalism, and reference vacancies in material culture and our 'realized myth' in a late capitalist society. All of the artists in "Me and the Material Magic" experiment with the "high" and "low" to convey the gap between individual, community, the 'market', and power.

"Me and the Material Magic" strives to challenge the situation of the current art world which seemingly functions and survives not on creativity alone but also on economics. Art fairs, the new demographic of "young collectors," and the demand for young artists to create a signature style or brand, all are examples of art as commodity.

Please join us for an opening reception for "Me and the Material Magic" on Friday, October 26th from 7-9pm.

"Me and the Material Magic" is supported by chashama, a NYC arts organization whose mission is to support artists of all genres. chashama adopts vacant properties that are donated by their owners and converts them into theaters, galleries, studios, and window performance sites; chashama then regrants this space for free or at heavily subsidized rates. Since 1995, chashama has transformed more than 20 vacant properties and has given more than 5,000 artists access to space.

Explosivo/chashama is a temporary platform for contemporary art which follows an interdisciplinary exhibition program curated by Tracy Candido in partnership with chashama. The Explosivo/chashama art space is donated to chashama by the Urban Homesteading Assistance Board. UHAB supports self-help housing and community building in low-income neighborhoods by training, organizing, developing and assisting resident-controlled limited-equity housing cooperatives.

Explosivo/chashama's hours are: Thursday-Sunday, 1-7pm. For more information about the exhibition or upcoming exhibitions at Explosivo/chashama, please visit www.explosivoartshow.com or call 516.510.3292.