

Y Gallery

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Jim Avignon

I looked in the mirror and I saw a ghost

Curated by Cecilia Jurado

January 10th – February 9th, 2008

Painting performance: January 25th, 6-9pm



Y Gallery is pleased to present “**i looked in the mirror and i saw a ghost**,” an exhibition of paintings, furniture and murals by German Pop artist Jim Avignon. In this exhibition, Avignon has chosen to work with the idea of multiple lives in a fictional world that is threatening to become a “reality.”

Curator Cecilia Jurado says, “I am fascinated by the amount of time people devote to creating other identities online. Jim’s work addresses this in a playful and sharp commentary.”

Jim Avignon is known for his sense of humor, for instance here he introduces ghosts as the main characters in various quotidian life situations.

We believe this exhibition is pertinent to the context and diversity of Jackson Heights. Individuals from all over the globe coexist in this community where they have few things in common. Integrating into American culture often leads to reassessing one’s self and native culture. This may stimulate individuals to re-evaluate their innate identities, which many artists believe are the results of cultural clashes.

Avignon introduces the general public to art collecting by having his exhibition pieces priced under 200 dollars. He declares it an act of democratic art distribution.

Jim Avignon was born in Munich, Germany. His work has been showcased at Documenta, Kassel; Museum of Contemporary Art of Barcelona; Museum of Modern Art, in Jyväskylä, Finland, as well as in many galleries around the world. There are also numerous television documentaries about Avignon broadcast on BBC, Arte and DWTV and the 60-minute documentary “die welt des Jim Avignon“. He currently lives and works in New York and Berlin.

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