

BELVEDERE CHRISTMAS TREE 2016

untitled (Marcel)

by Christoph Meier and Salvatore Viviano

Upper Belvedere, Sala Terrena

26 November 2016 to 2 February 2017



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untitled (Marcel), 2016
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It is the seventh time that a Christmas tree of a different order is being presented at the Upper Belvedere's Sala terrena during the holiday season. Every year since 2010 Agnes Husslein-Arco has invited young artists to deal with the theme of Christmas within the framework of a contest. This year, the choice came down to Christoph Meier and Salvatore Viviano, who developed *untitled (Marcel)*. The installation will be on view from 26 November 2016 to 2 February 2017.

The bottle rack has taken root in the minds of beholders as both an object of utility and Duchamp's famous ready-made. With *untitled (Marcel)*, the artists allude to these associations, while they have also added new levels of interpretation through the monumentalisation of the object, its thematic reference to Christmas, and the site-specific context of the Baroque Sala terrena. The focus is entirely on the connection between everyday object, idea, and work of art.

The installation is meant to complement the four atlantes in the Baroque Sala terrena. In previous years, the Belvedere featured works by gelatin, Fabian Seitz, Eva Grubinger, Constantin Luser, Verena Dengler, and Manfred Erjautz.

Agnes Husslein-Arco comments upon the annual Christmas event: *"The presentation of the Belvedere's Christmas tree has become a tradition of a very special kind. It makes sure that Christmas is reflected upon and interpreted in a contemporary art context. Each time an entirely unprecedented approach is shown, which is then honoured during our Christmas reception."*

The press release and images can be downloaded at the following link:
www.belvedere.at/presse.

ARTIST'S BIOGRAPHY

Christoph Meier

Born 1980 in Vienna, lives and works in Vienna.

Exhibitions (selection): *C & O*, Kunstverein in Hamburg (2016); One Work Gallery, Wien (2016); *C* (mit Heinrich Dunst), Galleria Collicali Greggi, Catania, Italien (2015); *M* (mit Ute Müller), Sariev Contemporary, Plovdiv, Bulgarien (2014); Galerie Kamm, Berlin (2013); *Office*, Nosbaum & Reding, Luxemburg (2012); Secession, Wien (2011); *Bananaspilt* (mit Søren Engsted), Kunsthaus Graz (2010); *Proposal for a Discotheque*, Kiosk, Ghent (2009)

Salvatore Viviano

Born 1980 in Palermo, Italy, lives and works in Vienna.
Since 2014 he is running the „One Work Gallery“ in Vienna.

Exhibitions (selection): *Opera Publica*, Künstlerhaus, Wien (2016); *Flirting with Strangers*, 21er Haus, Wien (2015); *Mozzarella in Carrozza / Destination Vienna*, Kunsthalle Wien (2015); *I Never Liked Being in Bed Alone*, 21er Raum im 21er Haus, Wien (Solo, 2015); *Ja/ty/on/ona/oni*, Galeria Fotografii pf, Poznan (2015); *Cry Me a Dry Martini*, Mauve, Wien (2014); *Inkontinenz*, L'Ocean Licker, Wien (Solo, 2011); *Obsession #1*, Galerie Amer Abbas, Wien (Solo, 2009)

BELVEDERE CHRISTMAS TREE 2010 - 2015



Belvedere Christmas Tree 2015
Manfred Erjautz: *Under the Weight of Light*
Upper Belvedere
28 November 2015 to 2 February 2016



Belvedere Christmas Tree 2014
Verena Dengler: *Merry HanuKwanzMas!*
Upper Belvedere
29 November 2014 to 1 February 2015



Belvedere Christmas Tree 2013
Constantin Luser: *The Tree*
Upper Belvedere
2 December 2013 to 2 February 2014



Belvedere Christmas Tree 2012
Eva Grubinger: *Untitled*
Upper Belvedere
4 December 2012 to 3 February 2013



Belvedere Christmas Tree 2011
Fabian Seiz: *Hang in Tree*
Upper Belvedere
23 November 2011 to 8 January 2012



Belvedere Christmas Tree 2010
Gelatin: *Happy Holidays*
Upper Belvedere
26 November 2010 to 2 February 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title	Belvedere Christmas Tree 2016 (Sala Terrena) <i>untitled (Marcel), 2016</i>
Dates	26 November 2016 to 2 February 2017
Location	Upper Belvedere
Artist	Christian Meier, Salvatore Viviano
Curator	Alfred Weidinger
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