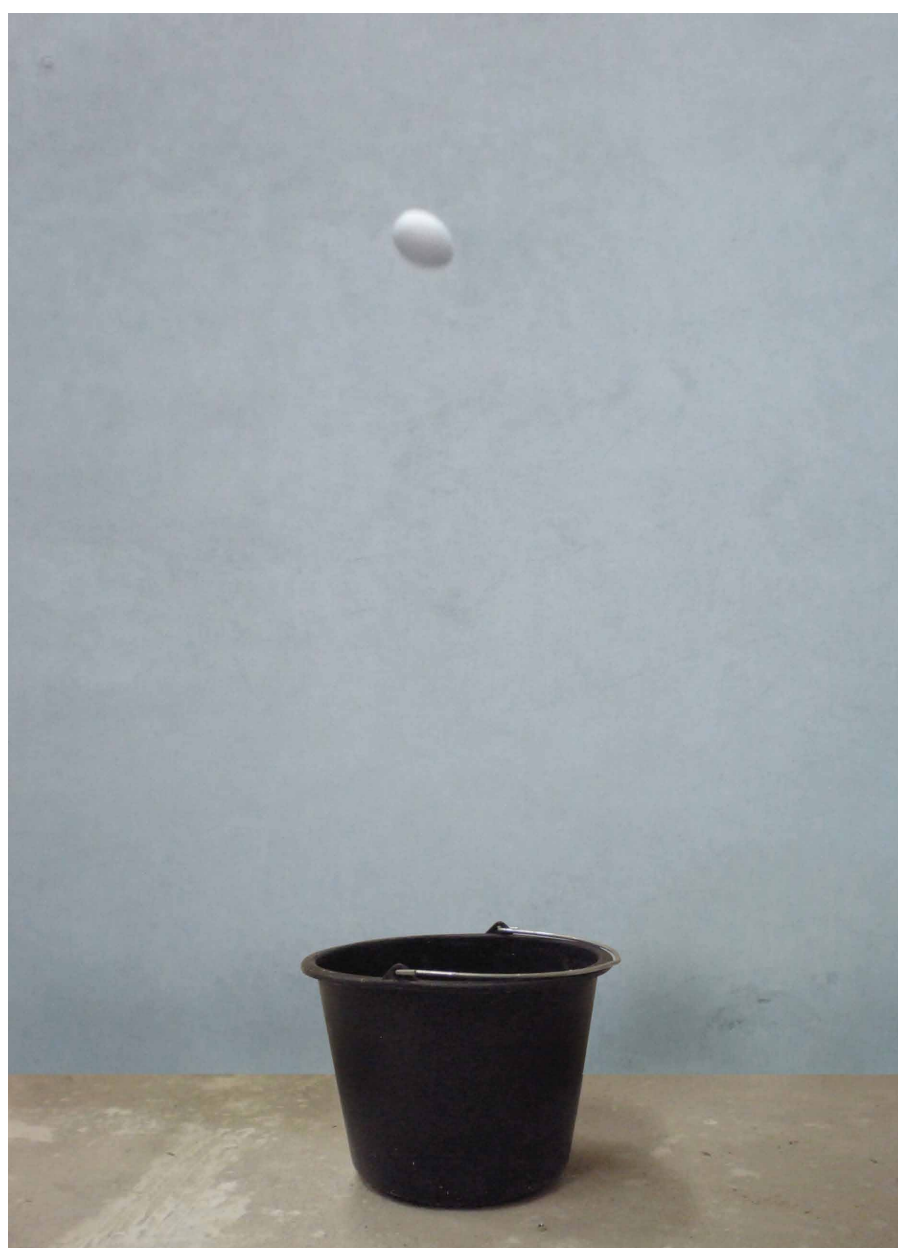


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It is with great pleasure that Galerie Bertrand & Gruner announces the first solo exhibition in Switzerland of artist duo, Yarisal & Kublitz. Often playing upon our preconceptions, Yarisal & Kublitz (b. 1981, Geneva; b. 1978, Copenhagen) are known for their bold and amusing works taking form in both spontaneous and staged video, as well as kinetic sculpture. Their vision often concerns itself with themes of transformation, humorously emphasizing the ephemeral nature of life with an irony of blunt force.

The exhibition takes its name from a large sculptural work on which the text appears written in the light of 300 bulbs. Multi-colored Rota Fortunae replace the phrase's O's, emitting an unsettling tick-tick-ticking... in endless rotation. This urgency of repetition and fate is evidenced in each of the new works on exhibition. They toy with our assumptions, highlighting repetitions in life and an inevitability of death, and constantly making us question whether these will correspond to our expectations.

The duo manages with humor and sheer obsessive force to focus on temporality and immortality, as well as the banality and repetitiveness of it all. Their sculptures encourage us to laugh at ourselves by emphasizing the tragic in the comic. Initially appearing as jest, it is the irony and humor of their work that reminds the observer of the contradictions intrinsic to the human condition.

Yarisal & Kublitz currently live and work in New York and Berlin. They have recently exhibited at the Wiesbaden Kunstverein in Germany, and Galleria Enrico Fornello in Italy. They are recipients of multiple awards and have completed artist residencies in New York and Toronto.

They have been selected to participate in a Special Project section of the 3rd Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art, curated by Elizabeth M. Grady.

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