## **SITUATIONS**

**JOSEF BULL: THE T PARTY** 

OPENING APRIL 1ST APRIL 1ST - MAY 14, 2017 6-8PM

SITUATIONS is pleased to present The T Party, Josef Bull's first solo exhibition in New York City. An opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st from 6-8 pm. The exhibition runs through May 14th.

Steeped in disparate references to tea, this new body of work materializes relationships, both intact and fragmented, that playfully riff on archetypes, cultural artifacts, and familiar imagery.

At the show's center is The T Party (2017), a sculpture that embodies the mind map-like narrative running throughout the exhibition. An infinity-mirror platform of basketball-hoop-backboards and scrolling LED signs support an overstock.com tea cart decked with objects: a tip-jar stripper pump, an Arizona iced-tea can sandwiched between Ronald Reagan's inaugural tea set, a geisha-fied Reagan teapot with neck tattoos reading "Fate" and "Faith." A cardinal covered tea-towel draped over the cart's handlebar sits beside an iPad amplified by a can-shaped speaker in a drink holder below.

Whether discovered through active research, coincidence, or off- and on-line experience, Bull pulls to the surface relationships with unexpected meaning. His sculptures, images, and videos, like three-dimensional collages, are exercises of intentionally holding things in one's mind that, over time, accumulate into interconnected strains of causality.

JOSEF BULL (b. 1984 in Huddinge, Sweden) lives and works in Brooklyn, NY. His work has been exhibited at Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm; Museum of Ethnography, Stockholm; Institute for New Feeling, Los Angeles and Tops Gallery; Memphis. He was a 2013 recipient of the Maria Bonnier Dahlin Foundation Award, and in 2014 was the artist-in-residence on Swerus-C3, a scientific expedition to the Arctic Ocean.

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