Award winning artist Mladen Miljanovi? holds 1st solo exhibition in the UK

Monday 29 September, 2014

NN Contemporary Art is delighted to present the first solo exhibition in the UK by Mladen Miljanovi?**. The exhibition brings together a number of his recent artworks including the eponymous** Garden of Delights**.**

This central piece contains more than one hundred tombstone motifs found and collected in the Central Balkans and engraved onto a triptych of granite slabs mounted on a metal frame. Before enrolling at the Academy of Arts in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Miljanovi? worked engraving tombstones. These motifs were chosen as illustrations of their indulgences and because they wish to see them immortalised by means of the realistic, a practice that became popular during the rise of kitsch and turbo-folk culture in the 1980-1990s.

Referencing Hieronymus Bosch's Renaissance painting The Garden of Earthly Delights, the form of the image of a personal indulgence becomes an expression of the collective absurd and discord. For Miljanovi? the graveyard is an area storing an encyclopaedia of images of individual lives joined to form a garden of a collective eternity.

About the exhibition

Mladen Miljanovi?
The Garden of Delights
4 October—7 December 2014
NN, Number Nine Guildhall Road, Northampton NN1 1DP

Opening night: **3 October 2014, 6pm**

About the artist

Mladen Miljanovi? was born in Zenica in 1981 and completed secondary school in Doboj. After secondary school he attended the Reserve Officer School where he earned the rank of sergeant, in which he went on to train 30 privates. After completion of the military term he enrolled at the Academy of Arts (Department of Painting, BA–MA) in Banja Luka and continues to live and work in Banja Luka.

Miljanovi? has exhibited internationally with solo and group exhibitions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, USA, Italy, Germany, Austria, France, Serbia, The Netherlands, South Korea and represented Bosnia and Herzegovina at the 55th Venice Biennale in 2013.

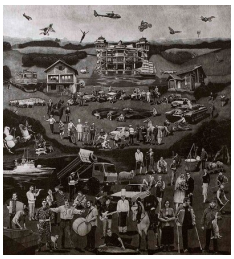
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