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CYDONIA INAUGURAL EXHIBITION: EX-Y: REPRESENTATIONS OF CONTEMPORARY MASCULINITY

DALLAS - **CYDONIA** contemporary art gallery announces its inaugural curated exhibition entitled **EX-Y: REPRESENTATIONS OF CONTEMPORARY MASCULINITY**. *Ex-Y* will open on Friday, September 12 and continue to Saturday, October 25, 2014. Cydonia is located at 167 Payne Street, in the Design District. (Gallery will begin operating hours from 10am-6pm, Wednesdays-Sundays, the following Saturday, September 13.) The collective show includes nine artists from around the globe that represent ideas of manhood. After all three waves of feminism, Cydonia's introductory collective show is among the first few exhibitions to explore ideas of maleness in a vastly evolved world 20 years after Thelma Golden's seminal show about (African-American) maleness *Black Male* and Helaine Posner's *The Masculine Masquerade*. Whatever masculinity is, any notions of it must be as richly complex as feminism and any division of the sexes is, as Roberta Smith declares, an "organic force" that "by its very nature bigger... is more far-reaching and life-affecting." *Ex-Y* is about the alternative narratives of maleness. Instead of sweeping machismo gestures of their artistic forefathers, the show represents the latest generation of men, other men that declare their identity in different ways.

Anchoring this exploration is Dorota Kozieradzka's *Rodzinne / Family Portrait* series. The main photo depicts her father in a bare-chested embrace with his son. Subconsciously attempting to repair the relationships in her life, Kozieradzka coerces her own father and brother to set aside the barriers of manhood. The resulting image reveals a haunting, intimate humanity between man and his progeny. Instead of erecting a monument of strength representing himself, multi-disciplinary artist Jan Mioduszewski portrays how he is only a part of his art. He is, specifically, an extension of his practice. Austin Eddy continues dialogues about painting in different directions. After painting's supposed death and inability to progress, Eddy moves backwards, removing all colors, using basic blacks, spray paints, and charcoals on raw, unprimed canvas. Eddy depicts loneliness and isolation and the realities of modern love. Brooklyn-based Alan and Michael Fleming pay tribute to conceptual deity Bruce Nauman, but they incorporate a hint of boy humor and fun. How has the meaning of being a man changed?

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Artists in the exhibition include: Austin Eddy, Ryan Burghard, Alan and Michael Fleming, Paul Knight, Dorota Kozieradzka, Jan Mioduszewski, and John Douglas Powers.

Glasgow-based artist Sybren Renema was commissioned to write an essay for the catalog. Instead of a traditional didactic essay, Renema's essay is to be viewed as an individual work contributing to the concept of the show.

Cydonia is hosting a **PRIVATE VIEW on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, FROM 6PM-9PM**. *Ex-Y* opens on Friday, September 12. The public is invited to attend a reception for artists Alan and Michael Fleming and Jan Mioduszewski from 6pm-9pm. Warsaw-based artist Jan Mioduszewski will perform *Reka* on Friday starting at 7pm.

Cydonia has produced a catalogue to accompany the exhibition. The book is available for purchase. Stay tuned for more events related to the exhibition.

Ex-Y is supported by the Adam Mickiewicz Institute and Lokal_30 Gallery, both in Warsaw.

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EX-Y: REPRESENTATIONS OF CONTEMPORARY MASCULINITY will be on view from **SEPTEMBER 12-OCTOBER 25, 2015**.

Cydonia is a contemporary art gallery located in Dallas, Texas focused on supporting the careers of emerging artists whose practices have international relevance. Our mission is to show artists that have cultural and historical significance, conceptual rigor, or are the singular voice of their generation. Our values include service, ethics, and most importantly, posterity.

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Gallery Hours (beginning Saturday, September 13, 2014):
Wednesday - Sunday: 10:00AM – 6:00PM
Other hours available by appointment

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