

Press release- Pierre Courtin's Collection 10m2

COLLECTION 10M2

A project by Pierre Courtin

Opening on Saturday July 5 at 6 PM

Exhibition from July 5 to July 20 in 2008

Open every day except on Mondays from 1 to 7 PM

Free entrance

To close the season 2007-2008, OUI has decided to invite Pierre Courtin, a young artist who got his diploma from Ecole Nationale des Beaux-Arts de Paris, to put a part of his strange collection on display in the exhibition space of OUI.

Started in 2001, the collection 10m2 consists of more than 200 pieces that demonstrate the keenness that Pierre Courtin has for displacements, promenade and glance. In his collection the fragments joint together here and there are mixed with complete works, souvenirs are added to the productions invented for the site... And in a mild overcharge in the display that evokes the cabinets of curiosities of the first collectioners, paintings, posters, objects, booklets and vitrines calmly cohabit.

For this occasion the exhibiting space of OUI has been devided into three parts through which the spectator passes from surprise to surprise, smiling or irritated, until the last hall that is reserved for video projections. It is not exactly the collection of François Pinault, admits Pierre Courtin, but it is similarly concerned with the questions of «the big spectacle of art and it's marketing». Using the artworks as a primary material in his hands to constuct something else, it is a commentary and an exhibition at a time that Pierre Courtin creates in front of us.