

MARC QUINN

PLANET (MICROCOSMOS)

SALZBURG VILLA KAST

27 Friday - 16 Saturday



Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac is pleased to announce the upcoming show of Marc Quinn in the gallery's editions department. Last may the gallery showed the first solo show of Quinn in Austria.

PLANET (MICROCOSMOS) is a sculpture made of Sterling Silver, which depicts the artist's seven months old son. The sculpture of the baby, which seems to float in space, is based on PLANET, a sculpture of the same baby in gigantic dimensions: 10 meters long and more than 7 tons was the work, which Quinn exhibited in the sculpture park of Chatsworth House last year. The edition now shows the other extreme. With its small size (6 cm) the work emphasises the preciousness and the fragility of the sculpture, the baby, life and the planet.

Marc Quinn (*1964) is an English artist, whose sculptures and paintings are primarily figurative. Although he has participated in many exhibitions before 1997, it was the legendary exhibition Sensation at the Royal Academy of Arts London, which many people remember as their first encounter with the art of Marc Quinn. Unforgettable the work he exhibited: a self-portrait made from several litres of his own blood. The choice of this rather unusual material for art making not only reflects an experimental approach to art, but also emphasises the conceptual nature of his oeuvre.

Marc Quinn graduated in Art history at Cambridge University in 1985 and lives in London. He has exhibited in many important group and solo exhibitions internationally including Sonsbeek '93, Arnhem (1993), Give and Take, Victoria and Albert Museum, London (2001), Statements 7, 50th Venice Biennale (2003) and Gwangju Biennale (2004). Solo exhibitions include Tate Gallery, London (1995), Kunstverein Hannover (1999), Fondazione Prada, Milan (2000), Tate Liverpool (2002), Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin (2004), Groninger Museum, Groningen (2006) and MACRO, Rome (2006).

Works of Marc Quinn are in many public collections and foundations, among them: Arts Council Collection (London), British Museum (London), Brooklyn Museum of Art (New York), Deutsche Bank (London), Denver Art Museum (Denver), Guggenheim Museum (New York), Goss Michael Foundation (Dallas), Marx Collection (Berlin), Metropolitan Museum (New York), Museum of Modern Art (New York), Centre Pompidou (Paris), Prada Foundation (Milan), Saatchi Gallery (London), Sammlung Essl (Klosterneuburg), Tate Gallery (London).