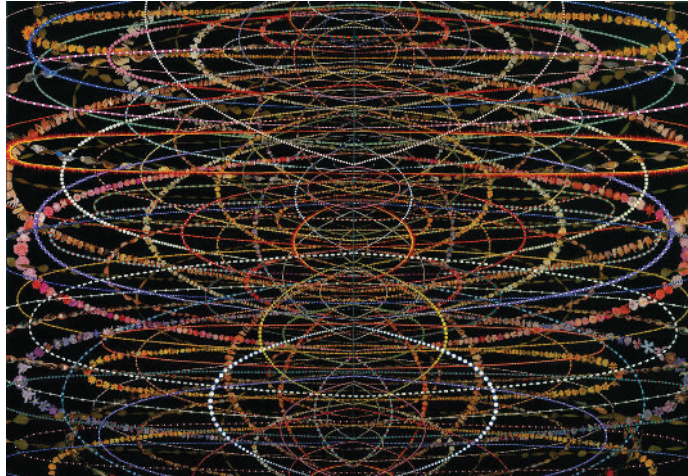


Brooklyn Commons: Fred Tomaselli and Carl Boutard June 7, 2016, 6:30–8pm



Fred Tomaselli, *Echo, Wow and Flutter*, 2000, Mixed media with resin on panel, 84 x 120 in.



Carl Boutard, *Sunny Green*, 2016, Seamless photographic backdrop paper on repurposed cardboard, 72 x 64 x 42 in.

ISCP is excited to host artists Fred Tomaselli and Carl Boutard on June 7th, 2016 for the first Brooklyn Commons talk of the year. Fred Tomaselli and Carl Boutard will discuss their work, nature, site-specificity, adaptation, and making ephemeral materials permanent.

Brooklyn Commons, an ongoing discussion series at ISCP, presents intellectual and artistic pairings between the established Brooklyn-based artist community and ISCP residents. This series puts artists in conversation who have not shared a dialogue in the past and focuses on cultural practitioners living and working in Brooklyn, both long- and short-term.

Fred Tomaselli explores perception, reality dislocation and the broken dreams of utopianism in colorful, complex works that utilize painting, photo collage, newsprint and unorthodox materials. Tomaselli has recently participated in solo projects at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Texas; the University of Michigan Art Museum of Art; and the Orange County Museum of Art. In 2010, his work was the subject of a 25-year survey at the Aspen Art Museum, which traveled to the Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Skidmore College, and the Brooklyn Museum. His work has been shown in museums and galleries around the world. Tomaselli lives and works in Brooklyn and is represented by New York's James Cohan Gallery and London's White Cube Gallery.

Carl Boutard's practice shows the artist's steady longing for the outdoors. With installations using drawings, sculpture and text he observes and reflects on the relationship between human beings, nature and culture. A recurring theme is that which is about to disappear, that which possesses aura and authenticity, both visually and from the point of view of content. During his residency at ISCP, Boutard has stepped away from his usual sculptural materials of bronze and wood, forming a new body of work made from paper and cardboard. Separating and recombining cardboard boxes into larger sequential constructions, the artist has created a production process mimicking the workings of nature at the molecular level. Boutard lives and works in Berlin and is represented by Lars Bohman Gallery, Stockholm. He has completed public art commissions in Sweden and Germany and his work has been exhibited at The Living Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland, 2011; Lunds Konsthall, 2010, 2011; and Artipelag, Stockholm, 2014. He earned his BA at the Iceland Academy of the Arts and graduated with an MFA from the Malmö Art Academy. He also holds a BS in Architecture from The Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm.

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The next Brooklyn Commons discussion will take place on July 26th and will feature Tehching Hsieh and Alicia Frankovich.

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