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Muntean/Rosenblum

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Opening reception: Saturday, May 21st, 6:00 - 9:00pm



The **Jack Hanley Gallery** in **Los Angeles** is pleased to present an exhibition of new work by the Vienna-based art duo **Muntean/Rosenblum**. Working in a variety of media, Muntean/Rosenblum appropriate images culled from lifestyle and fashion magazines to explore teenage angst in a most sympathetic way. The resulting compositions: images of young, beautiful people frozen in awkward poses, are juxtaposed with existentially searching pieces of text which have also been literally cut and pasted from printed material. Adopting these poses from fashion magazines, the young people seem troubled by a world that sees them only as "image." The text reminds us of our relation to youth and its insecurities, and to the passing of time and memory. Muntean and Rosenblum are adept at suggesting self-awareness of their teenage subjects, in contrast to the way media images objectify young people. The absence of original context and subsequent re-contextualization, of image and text, creates a sense of anonymity and ambiguity, thereby questioning one's familiarity with the fashion format.

Markus Muntean and Adi Rosenblum have worked in collaboration since 1992. They live and work in London and Vienna. Their work has been exhibited at Maureen Paley/Interim Art in London, De Appel in Amsterdam, Georg Kargl in Vienna, Art & Concept in Paris, Jack Tilton Gallery and MWMWM in New York, Kunsthaus Glarus, and SECESSION in Vienna, 2000.

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