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## **ELMGREEN & DRAGSET "SUPERMODELS"**

September 5 - October 3, 2009

Opening reception: Saturday, September 5, 18:00 - 20:00

We are pleased to announce our forthcoming, third exhibition with artist duo Elmgreen & Dragset. In addition to their award winning presentation as both artists and curators of the Danish and Nordic Pavilions at the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Art Exhibition - la Biennale di Venezia, London and Berlin based Michael Elmgreen and Ingar Dragset's recent solo exhibitions include MUSAC, Leon (2009), Malmö Konsthall, Sweden (2007) The Serpentine Gallery, London (2006) and the Tate Modern, London (2004). Recent group exhibitions include the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Denmark (2009), the Yokohama International Triennale of Contemporary Art (2008) and Skulptur Projekte Münster (2007). In 2008, Elmgreen & Dragset's national memorial to gay victims of the Nazi regime was inaugurated in Berlin. In addition to Yokohama, the artists have presented their work within Japan at the Mori Art Museum, CCA Kitakyushu and as part of the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennial

*SUPERMODELS* is comprised of a series of playful semi-abstract sculptures accompanied by a series of editioned photographic works. In a combination of Western modern abstract sculpture and pop cultural cartoon shapes the sculptures propose in a humorous manner some new ideal body types. The Supermodel sculptures will be dressed by a wide range of prominent fashion designers and photographed by Muga Miyahara in various real-world settings and subsequently presented alongside their photographic representations within the space of the gallery. Each sculpture will be dressed in clothing specifically designed for the project by established and emerging fashion designers including Rei Kawakubo (COMME des GARÇONS), Yasuko Furuta (TOGA), Tamae Hirokawa (SOMARTA), London based Malaysian born Han Chong, and Yusuke Takahashi, recipient of 83<sup>rd</sup> Soen prize and Bunka Fashion Graduate University student .



Elmgreen & Dragset "Untitled" 2009

Lambda print, mounted on acrylic, 90 x 120 cm

Courtesy of Taka Ishii Gallery



Elmgreen & Dragset "Untitled" 2009

Lambda print, mounted on acrylic, 70 x 93 cm

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