

KUSTERA PROJECTS RED HOOK

57 Wolcott Street
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BONNIE COLLURA *Patchwork*

September 9 – October 7, 2017

Opening reception, September 9th, 6-8pm



KUSTERA PROJECTS is delighted to present *Patchwork*, a solo exhibition of new work by **Bonnie Collura**. The exhibition will run from September 9th through October 7th, with an opening reception on Saturday, September 9th from 6 to 8pm.

Patchwork is a collection of new sculptural and textile based works that reflects over a decade of material experimentation. Paralleling her unique method of molding and casting hard shelled forms with quilt making, Collura builds new figurative based agglomerations from bits, shards and found textures mashed to fluctuate somewhere between synthesis and fracture. Each work intertwines hard, soft and raw surfaces to embody a spirit of *sprezzatura*, an Italian word often referred to as 'studied carelessness'.

Bonnie Collura was born in 1970 in Port Jefferson, NY, and received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Virginia Commonwealth University in 1994 and her Masters of Fine Arts degree from Yale University in 1996. She was a recipient of a *John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation* Fellowship in 2005 and was awarded *The Emerging Artist Award* from the Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art in Connecticut in 1997. Collura's sculptures, drawings, and installations have been exhibited in major galleries and museums in the United States, France, Italy, Belgium, Germany and India and are included in several national and international collections. Her work has been reviewed in *The New York Times*, *Artforum*, *Art in America*, *ArtNews*, *Flash Art*, *Sculpture Magazine*, *BOMB* magazine, *Beautiful Decay*, *Time Out New York*, and several other print and online publications. She is currently an Associate Professor at Penn State University in the Sculpture department. She lives and works in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

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Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Friday 11am–5pm, Saturday 12o 6pm (and by appointment)

Image: *Matriarch* (detail), 2015o 17, Steel, wood, milled brass, aqua resin, bronze and graphite powder, lacquer, fabric, tinted expandable foam, casters, 78 x 38 x 52"