

TOGONON GALLERY

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Solo Exhibition

"The Garden of Arbitrary Volition"- Photographs

Artist Exhibited: Malcolm Lubliner

January 7-February 13, 2010

Opening Reception-January 14, 2010 – 5-7 p.m.

Togonon gallery is pleased to present Malcolm Lubliner's "The Garden of Arbitrary Volition" in his first solo exhibition at the gallery. Lubliner began working on this series in the early 1980's. The images were originally conceived as small theater pieces conceptually related more to the art of assemblage than to the traditional still life. The idea was to question the nature of perception by using an array of objects and elements not typically seen in the still life form. The original photographs were done in black and white and designed, in part, to take advantage of a now discontinued Kodak material called Translite. Translite was originally manufactured in the early 1930's for use in backlit product ads and was made by layering silver emulsion on both sides of sheets of frosted acetate. To get the effect Lubliner wanted, he backed the prints with chrome Mylar, a combination that added a slight dimensional glow to the images when viewed under direct light.

This current series of works explore the same themes as the earlier series but add color as a complex element. The new works continue to experiment with uses of subject selection and composition. They ask more focused questions about perception, the peculiar and arbitrary relationship we humans have with war, politics and nature.

Malcolm Lubliner has exhibited in the United States, Europe and Japan and his photographs are in the permanent collections of The National Portrait Gallery, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC,

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), Oakland Museum of California, The California Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, the Crocker Art Museum and many private collections. He completed his MFA at the Otis Art Institute, Los Angeles, CA. Lubliner lives and works in the Bay Area.

Togonon Gallery
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Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 11-5:30pm



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