

Linda Stauffer & Anne Schmidt

Zoom performance "ECHO - Play in a Maquette"

Sunday, 14th of February, between 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, durational, loop of 20 minutes, drop in drop out

via Zoom

As part of the exhibition PROPS Linda Stauffer and Anne Schmidt are presenting the performance "ECHO - Play in a Maquette" online via Zoom on Sunday 14th of February 2021 at SIGN. In ECHO Stauffer and Schmidt put into shape a set design for a theatre play with puppets in five scenes.

The partly horrifying dollhouse immerses the audience with its realization of the extraordinary importance of the small details of life. As a house within a house, the dollhouse articulates the tension between inner and outer spheres, of exteriority and interiority. Within the dollhouses' mystery manner of materialized secret, of play and control, ECHO hypostatizes the status of the interior such as facades, ornaments, marble, gold, pralines, fruits, faces to a self-envious show.

Linda Stauffer (Switzerland, 1990) entangles woodcarving, video and puppetry with fictional, non-linear narratives. Following on the script "Misrepresentation (2020)", Stauffer expands for ECHO agender thinking by creatures named *Clitoris*, *Sirene*, *Splash* and *Viech*. Sensitively made, their life interweaved with threads. Thus, in their stages the puppets assume the reality of a fiction.

Anne Schmidt (Germany, 1991) variegates colors, text and clothing. Schmidt's work distinguishes by skilled manipulation of all material which crosses Schmidt's way. The relation between miniature and giant becomes grotesque absurdity, when Schmidt counter-caricatures Stauffer's puppets by clothing themselves in costumes called *I'm Queen Mary* and *Dwell*.

Stauffer and Schmidt's work slices humor and critique into a multi-layered cake. Its opulent, detailed and very-hairy material. Take your bite.

The performance takes place entirely via Zoom and can be viewed on **Sunday 14th of February between 4:00 and 5:30PM**. A durational loop of 20 min. Sign up via Eventbrite and follow the link there to see this experimental performance from your own sofa.

Join Zoom Performance via link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82908629284?pwd=MmUzNDIBOHQ0ay9GQVFQdFVBWmZ2dz09>

For physical visit PROPS opens from 2nd to 28th of March 2021 at SIGN, Winschoterkade 10, 9711 EA Groningen.