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Cubes, Mirage Works, Fractions



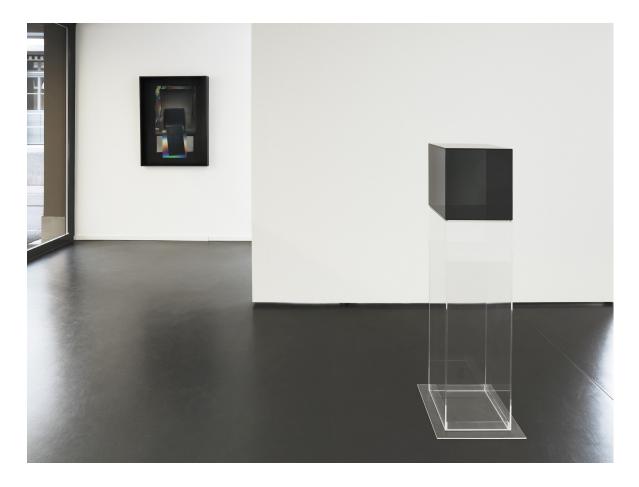
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Installation Views

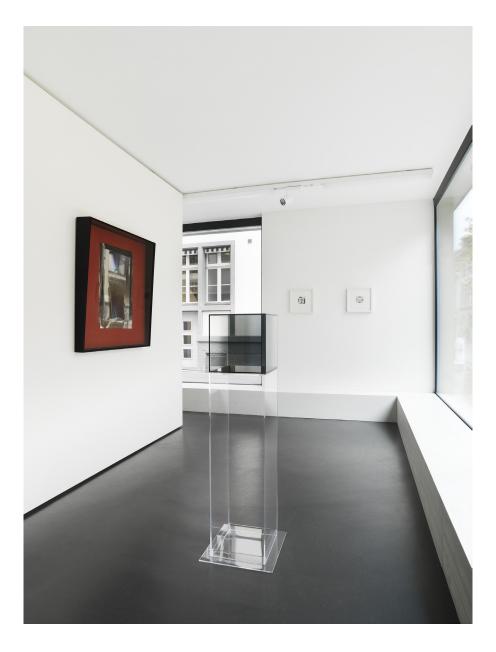


Installation View 1

LARRY BELL (1939)

12 in. Cube #4, 2008 Mirage Work AAAAA113, 2007

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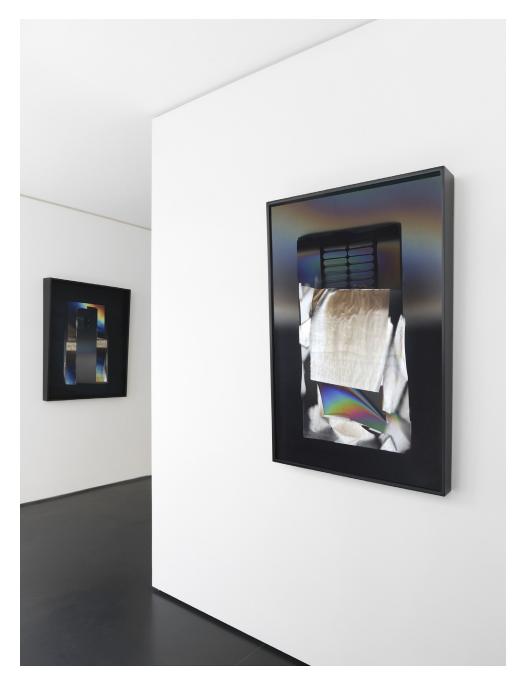


Installation View 2

LARRY BELL (1939)

12 in. Cube #1, 2008 Mirage Work R27, 2007 Fraction 8435, 2000 Fraction 8737, 2000

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Installation View 3

LARRY BELL (1939)

Mirage Work AAAAA92, 2007 Mirage Work AAAAA109, 2007

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Installation View 4

LARRY BELL (1939)

12 in. Cube #4, 2008 Fraction 1227, 1996 Fraction 6674, 2000 Fraction 1162, 1996 Fraction 6438, 2000 Fraction 6438, 2000 Fraction 5038, 1999 Fraction 7368, 2000 Fraction 1070, 1996

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Available Mirage Works



LARRY BELL (*1939)

Mirage Work R27, 2007 Mixed Media on Red Hiromi Paper Blattmasse 101.6 x 101.6 cm (40 x 40 in.) Rahmenmasse 106.5 x 103.4 x 12 cm (41 7/8 x 40 3/4 x 4 3/4 in.) BELL10130 / R27

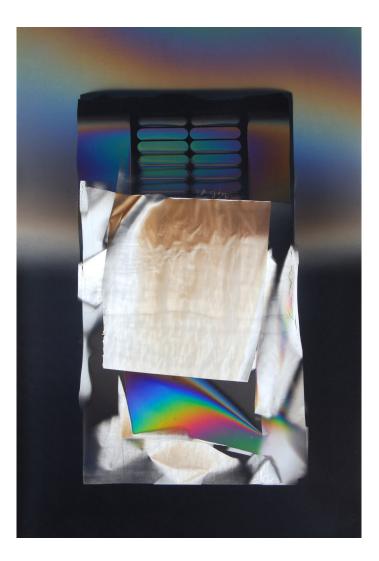
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LARRY BELL (*1939)

Mirage Work AAAAA92, 2007 Mixed Media on Hiromi Black Blattmasse 113 x 76.25 cm (44 1/2 x 30 in.) Rahmenmasse 120.5 x 83.5 x 12 cm (47 1/2 x 32 7/8 x 4 3/4 in.) BELL10126 / AAAAA92

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Mirage Work AAAAA109, 2007 Mixed Media on Hiromi Black Blattmasse 113 x 76.2 cm (44 1/2 x 30 in.) Rahmenmasse 120.5 x 83.5 x 12 cm (47 1/2 x 32 7/8 x 4 3/4 in.) BELL10131 / AAAAA109

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Mirage Work AAAAA113, 2007 Mixed Media on Hiromi Black Blattmasse 113 x 76.2 cm (44 1/2 x 30 in.) Rahmenmasse 120.5 x 83.5 x 12 cm (47 1/2 x 32 7/8 x 4 3/4 in.) BELL10132 / AAAAA113

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LARRY BELL (*1939)

Fraction 7368, 2000 Collage on paper Blattmasse 25.25 x 25.25 cm (10 x 10 in.) Rahmenmasse 34.5 x 34.5 x 3.5 cm (13 5/8 x 13 5/8 x 1 3/8 in.) BELLL10192 / FRAC7368

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LARRY BELL (*1939) Fraction 5038, 1999 Collage on paper Blattmasse 25.25 x 25.25 cm (10 x 10 in.) Rahmenmasse 34.5 x 34.5 x 3.5 cm (13 5/8 x 13 5/8 x 1 3/8 in.) BELLL10180 / FRAC5038

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LARRY BELL (*1939) Fraction 1297, 1996 Collage on paper Blattmasse 23.5 x 22.25 cm (9 1/4 x 8 3/4 in.) Rahmenmasse 34.5 x 34.5 x 3.5 cm (13 5/8 x 13 5/8 x 1 3/8 in.) BELLL10143 / FRAC1297

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LARRY BELL (*1939)

Fraction 6438, 2000 Collage on paper Blattmasse 25.25 x 25.25 cm (10 x 10 in.) Rahmenmasse 34.5 x 34.5 x 3.5 cm (13 5/8 x 13 5/8 x 1 3/8 in.) BELLL10183 / FRAC6438

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Fraction 6674, 2000 Collage on paper Blattmasse 25.25 x 25.25 cm (10 x 10 in.) Rahmenmasse 34.5 x 34.5 x 3.5 cm (13 5/8 x 13 5/8 x 1 3/8 in.) BELLL10185 / FRAC6674

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LARRY BELL (*1939) Fraction 1227, 1996 Collage on paper Blattmasse 23.25 x 25.25 cm (9 1/8 x 10 in.) Rahmenmasse 34.5 x 34.5 x 3.5 cm (13 5/8 x 13 5/8 x 1 3/8 in.) BELLL10142 / FRAC1227

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Larry Bell - Cubes, Mirage Works and Fractions

Throughout his career Larry Bell (US, 1939) has focused on the properties of light and space as well as their interaction with surface. He began as a painter in the 1960s, but soon made works with glass and mirrors to produce three-dimensional constructions. Within the West Coast based Light and Space movement, he has incorporated the esthetics of minimalism and integrated the ephemeral in his practice. Ever since he found an industrial vacuum plating process called 'thin film deposition' he has used it to create glass cubes and large glass sculptures. He explored the light passing through the cubes, being reflected and absorbed, ultimately creating shapes and inner spaces. We propose works whose clean and sharp edges allow us to see volume, space, color, reflection and depth in both small and large works on paper.

In making translucent and mirrored 12 inch cubes, Bell creates a private world. As light touches the surface and one moves around the sculpture, various colors, reflections and hues appear and disappear - an ephemeral moment. While we are reminded of our presence through (partial) reflection in the mirrored panel, space is questioned as the properties of physics, spontaneity, intuition and improvisation are incorporated in the making of each panel and ultimate composition of each cube. Each has subtly different levels of transparency and opacity. The reduced form, stripped of all ornamentation is transcendental as it stands on a plexiglass stand.

Future experimentation included depositing film coatings on paper, mylar and other materials in a vacuum enviroment. The Mirage Works that ensued are on Hiromi paper. They reflect color although no pigment is used. They are tapestries of woven light differentials with a large color palette that includes both bold, irridescent colors and delicate hues. Operating on the same premise as the cubes, they question the nature of perception – their appearance depending on ambient light and the viewer's angle, precipitating an illusion, that is a mirage.

Bell has expanded parts of Mirage Works to create Fractions. These small format collages of fragments of Mirage Works include watercolor and pencil. New shapes, colors and pigments emerge in a 10 inch square paper. They are meant to be shown individually or in groups.

Larry Bell has exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions in museums and galleries worldwide. Recent major exhibits include "The Los Angeles Art Scene: 1955-1985", Centre Pompidou, Paris, "Time and Place : Los Angeles 1957 – 1968", Moderna Museet, Stockholm, "Hot Spots : Rio de Janeiro, Milano – Torino, Los Angeles", Kunsthaus Zurich, "Pacfic Standard Time – Los Angeles Art 1945 – 1980", Getty Research Center, Los Angeles, "Phenomenal : California Light, Space, Surface", Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, "Larry Bell", Carré d'Art- Musée d'art contemporain de Nîmes, France and The Chinati Foundation, Marfa, Texas. His works are represented in major public collections, including the Museum of Modern Art, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, The Menil Collection, Houston, Tate Gallery, London; Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam and the Centre George Pompidou, Paris.