



8 CHAIRS, CLARKE & REILLY
14 MARCH – 27 APRIL 2013

Gallery Libby Sellers is pleased to present '8 Chairs', an exhibition by London-based creative duo Clarke & Reilly. Describing their style as 'unashamedly romantic and tirelessly imaginative', Clarke & Reilly are known for applying an original perspective to 'lost' pieces of furniture using a narrative, historical knowledge, craftsmanship and a rarified sense of colour to redefine the work. '8 Chairs' exemplifies this reverent attitude towards design as each of the historical chairs, selected to represent a specific character in the artists' minds, has been reinvented, often using period and ancient fabrics. The redefined forms were then installed on the rooftop of a Peckham building to weather the icy winter before being transported to the scorching Californian desert. The consequences of such extremes, all documented through film and photography, will be displayed in the Gallery. On their return, each chair underwent their own final process, informed by their individual response to the whole experience.

Clarke and Reilly, otherwise known as David Grocott and Bridget Dwyer (born 1964 and 1967), have been collaborating as an artist duo since 2005. Bringing together their backgrounds in fashion (Dwyer) and antique furniture (Grocott), they create unique objects that convey their nostalgic, romantic, and slightly eccentric aesthetic. Their works are in collections worldwide, and they recently exhibited in Hong Kong for the first time. They currently live between London and Los Angeles.

Gallery Libby Sellers was launched in 2007 by the former senior curator of the London Design Museum, in order to offer a platform for the support and promotion of progressive and critical design in a gallery context. Working with some of Europe's most engaging designers – including Formafantasma, Simon Hasan, Stuart Haygarth, Peter Marigold and M/M (Paris) – the gallery has since produced a wealth of unique and editioned works as presented through exhibitions and site-specific installations internationally.

Opening times:

Tuesday – Friday, 11am – 6pm

Saturday, 11am – 4pm

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