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### **flux**

an exhibition featuring the works of **ruta butkute** and **norman dilworth**

opening 1 november, 17:00 - 19:00

exhibition runs until 21 december 2024

#### **A Dialogue between the Artists**

The Flux exhibition brings together the works of Ruta Butkute and Norman Dilworth in a dialogue on the evolution of sculpture, focusing on the dynamics between materials, movement, and space. Both artists share a fascination with the essence of materials, creating works that transcend the tangible and invite viewers to experience a new dimension.

#### **Ruta Butkute**

In her recent work, Butkute explores how materials transform and reveal unexpected meanings. She combines ceramics, porcelain, and functional elements from iconic design furniture to create installations that suggest movement. Inspired by philosopher Merleau-Ponty, who connects perception to the body, she examines how perception arises from the relationship between the body and its surroundings. Her performative installations encourage movement, inviting visitors to explore the space and engage in dialogue with the sculptures. The result is an experience that is both personal and collective.

Butkute moves beyond traditional sculpture and installation art. Her works are far from static; they explore the boundary between the physical and the dynamic by engaging in dialogue with performers. The element of the unexpected plays a central role. She emphasises the beauty of imperfection and transience, demonstrating how change and movement can open up new possibilities.

#### **Norman Dilworth**

Dilworth's sculptures reveal a play of forms and spaces that invite the viewer to actively engage in the spatial experience. He explores the dynamics between abstraction and nature, with his geometric structures interacting with their surroundings. This interplay between elements evokes new meanings and perspectives that expand the viewer's perception and physical experience.

Dilworth often approaches his work using mathematical rules and principles. His works are strongly rooted in geometry, repetition, and systematic ordering. Through this, he examines how we perceive forms and structures, creating pieces that are both visually appealing and intellectually stimulating. His process often highlights a balance between order and chaos, adhering to set rules while allowing room for variation and interpretation.

Together, the works of Ruta Butkute and Norman Dilworth create a space where change and discovery go hand in hand, and where the beauty of imperfection takes centre stage.

Ruta Butkute (b. 1984, Kaunas, Lithuania) lives and works in Amsterdam. She has exhibited at notable venues like Kaaistudios in Brussels, Teruhiro Yanagihara Gallery in Osaka, and Museum Leuven in Belgium. Her work is included in collections such as the Guldagergaard International Ceramic Center in Denmark, the Amsterdam UMC Art Collection, and the European Ceramic Work Center (EKWC) in the Netherlands. She has also participated in notable residencies, including EKWC, Rosas P.A.R.T.S in Brussels, and the Arita Residency in Japan.

Norman Dilworth (b. 1931, Wigan, UK - d. 2023, Lille, France) was a leading figure in abstract art, known for his geometric sculptures that invite viewer interaction. His work is featured in esteemed collections, including the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam, Tate in London, and the Kröller-Müller Museum in Otterlo. Notable exhibitions include Pier + Ocean: Construction in the Art of the Seventies at the Hayward Gallery and Kröller-Müller Museum, solo shows at Amsterdam's Swart Gallery and Art Affairs, and a retrospective at the Musée Matisse in Le Cateau-Cambrésis. In 2019, he was honoured with the Peter C. Ruppert Prize for Concrete Art.

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gallery open thursday - saturday 13:00 - 18:00 hrs and by appointment

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