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JEAN-LOUP CHAMPION

*INSIDE OUT*

March 17 - April 15, 2017

Opening Reception: Friday, March 17 (6-9PM)

65GRAND is pleased to present *Inside Out*, an exhibition of sculptures by Jean-Loup Champion. This is the artist's first exhibition with the gallery.

Champion's sculptures work within a set of constraints: they are uniformly achromatic and whatever their composition, they ultimately reside within a rectangular structure. The artist collects a variety of objects and assembles them in boxes, quite literally containing them. The sundry material is then painted an invariant matte white.

In his catalog essay for the exhibition, art historian Colin Lemoine describes the artist, and by extension his work, quite poetically:

*"Life—and Jean-Loup has certainly put it to the test—is made up of parades, thingummies, fragments, knick-knacks and things cobbled together, ruses, petty feints, old tricks, schemes, compatibility, mixtures, things lumped together, repaired, crippled ensembles, curdled liquids, nested secrets. Fitted together."*

It is important to note the role the body plays in Champion's sculptures. The fragmented figures that populate these works can invoke dismembered marble gods of antiquity as much as memories of past trauma.

These sculptural containers act as receptacles for the detritus of life. The cloth, wood, plaster, bone, doll parts, toys and countless other objects are the stuff of the outside world. Perhaps they represent the things we bring inside ourselves and ruminate over, becoming a part of who we are.

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Jean-Loup Champion lives and works in Paris, France. Solo exhibitions include Galerie Mercier, Paris in 2011; Shepherd Gallery, New York in 2014; and Galerie Pierre-Alain Challier, Paris in 2015. In addition to his artistic practice, Champion is an accomplished art historian, publisher and curator. Recent curatorial projects include *A Golden Century of Danish Painting* at the museum La Piscine, Roubaix, FR and the Museum of Modern Art, Le Havre, FR in 2013; *Jean-René Gauguin Sculptor and Ceramist* also at the museum La Piscine, Roubaix and Maison du Danemark, Paris in 2014.