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Magali Reus: Spring for a Ground

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## MAGALI REUS: SPRING FOR A GROUND

SCULPTURECENTER TO DEBUT FIRST U.S. SOLO PRESENTATION BY INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED ARTIST

**Long Island City, NY** – SculptureCenter is pleased to announce **Magali Reus** will present a new body of work co-commissioned by SculptureCenter, the Hepworth Wakefield in Yorkshire, UK, Westfälischer Kunstverein in Münster, Germany, and the Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo in Turin, Italy. On view May 3–July 6, 2015, *Spring for a Ground* will be Reus' first solo museum exhibition in the United States.

Colliding the macro logic of daily architecture with the more microscopic or metaphorical projections of a body inhabiting space, Reus' exhibition turns focus to the physical and psychic space of the street curb. Although rendered abstractly, Reus' curbs contain fragments of objects and textures: they appropriate the logic of urban terrain but remain unnerving in their persistent repetition of partially rendered, and uncannily placed domestic forms. Linked with the metaphorical idea of an epidermis, they are surface barriers between external and internal worlds.

A new series of smaller sculptural "lock" works expose a perversity of mechanical detail. Like archaeological markers, these works become enigmatic containers for a type of numerical shorthand that evades translation. A date or a time enlists structural responsibility, but as with the curbs, they create a perplexing collapse of boundaries, blurring the graphic and the emotional.

Magali Reus (born 1981 in The Hague, The Netherlands) is based in London, UK. Recent group exhibitions include *The Noing Uv It* at the Bergen Kunsthall, Bergen, Norway (2015); *Theater Objects* at the LUMA Foundation, Zurich, Switzerland; *nature after nature*, Fridericianum, Kassel, Germany; and *Pool*, Kestnergesellschaft, Hanover, Germany (all 2014). Reus has a forthcoming solo exhibition at The Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands in 2016.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a publication featuring a text by **Ruba Katrib**, SculptureCenter Curator.

ALSO ON VIEW

**Michael E. Smith:** -, the American artist's first major solo museum exhibition in the United States. May 3–August 3, 2015

*Erika Verzutti: Swan with Stage*, the Brazilian artist's first solo exhibition in New York City. May 3–August 3, 2015

## **About SculptureCenter**

Founded by artists in 1928, SculptureCenter is a not-for-profit arts institution in Long Island City, NY dedicated to experimental and innovative developments in contemporary sculpture. SculptureCenter commissions new works and presents exhibitions by emerging and established, national and international artists. Our programs identify new talent, explore the conceptual, aesthetic and material concerns of contemporary sculpture, and encourage independent vision.

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