

Jos de Gruyter and Harald Thys

The 48 Hours of Kwik & Kwak



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STUDIOLI opens a new studio-garçonnière presenting The 48 Hours of Kwik & Kwak by the Belgian artist duo Jos de Gruyter and Harald Thys.

The exhibition is a re-reading of the performance of 2004 The 48 Hours of Kwik & Kwak, when the artists themselves, dressed as woolly beasts, lived for 48 hours on the ground floor of the project space “Etablissement d’en face” in Brussels.

For this occasion, the space was converted into a stable. The floor was covered in straw and various props were available for Kwik & Kwak: an armchair, a ball, a little library and a car tire suspended from the ceiling. The space was not open to the public. Passers-by could observe from the street the two creatures in their daily doings.

The exhibition includes an installation composed by new works.

Two large life-size puppets Kwik & Kwak conceived by the artists for the STUDIOLI space, a re-edition of The 48 Hours of Kwik & Kwak posters and the screening of the unseen video of the performance recorded in 2004 by a surveillance camera.





The 48 Hours of Kwik & Kwak
Video, color, 1:00 h, 2004







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KWIK:
13 YEARS
50 KILOS
MALE

KWAK:
15 YEARS
40 KILOS
MALE

KWIK & KWAK ARE FED
AND CARED FOR AT:

9H

14H

16H

20H

MENU 1:

9H: CEREALS WITH APPLES AND
CHOCOPASTA

14H: GRATED CHEESE WITH
PATÉ AND WHITE CABBAGE

16H: GERMAN BISCUITS

20H: WHITE PUDDING WITH
BANANAS AND RICE

MENU 2:

9H: BROWN PUDDING

14H: CHICKEN WITH
CHOCOPASTA

16H: GERMAN BISCUITS

20H: ENDOUILLETES WITH
TOMATOES AND CHOCOPASTA

The 48 Hours of Kwik & Kwak
Menu served during the performance in 2004





Kwik & Kwak – Plush Toys Limited Edition

On the occasion of the exhibition The 48 Hours of Kwik & Kwak, Jos de Gruyter and Harald Thys present a special limited edition of a plush toy version of Kwik & Kwak.

The edition, which is handmade by the artists in their studio in Brussels, comes with a special box in an edition of 50 pieces.

Kwik & Kwak – Plush Toys Limited Edition

Sheep hair, jute, cotton fabric

Dimension: 60 x 25 cm each

box dimension 60x40x8.5 cm

Ed.50

Price 1,200 Euro









Jos de Gruyter (1965, Geel, Belgium) and Harald Thys (1966, Wilrijk, Belgium) have collaborated as an artist duo since the late 1980s.

They use a wide range of media, including, video, painting, sculpture, and photography. Their work has been exhibited in numerous solo exhibitions, including at Kunstverein München; Schinkel Pavillon, Berlin; Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago; MoMA PS1, New York; Kunsthalle Wien; and Kunstverein Basel. They represented Belgium at the 58th Venice Biennale and have participated in numerous other biennials, such as the 5th Berlin Biennale and Manifesta 7 Trentino–Alto Adige. De Gruyter & Thys live in Brussels and Rome.

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