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## Josef Strau

### *Don't Climb the Pyramids*

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Greene Naftali is pleased to announce an exhibition of new works by German artist Josef Strau. Over the last two decades, Strau has moved freely between roles as an artist, curator, gallerist—he currently directs the Galerie Meerrettich in Berlin, and he previously co-directed the seminal Friesenwall gallery in Cologne—and writer. His current show is in fact centered on a recent series of short, loosely related prose pieces, which he then “illuminates” by connecting them to handmade lamps. While primarily a literary effort, “reading” is here relocated within a sculptural installation.

Strau is an important figure in the Cologne art scene and his work is included in the current exhibition “MAKE YOUR OWN LIFE: Artists In & Out of Cologne” at the ICA Philadelphia. He has been in several group shows in New York, at Pat Hearn Gallery, American Fine Arts, and Greene Naftali.

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