Giangiacomo Rossetti & Olivia Vigo: Lamps and Nightstands

American Art Catalogues presents *Lamps and Nightstands*, a two-person exhibition of new lamps by Olivia Vigo and new monotypes by Giangiacomo Rossetti.

Amid a multitude of detailed screens, intertwining personal histories with their material counterparts, 22 lamps warm the space with their soft light. Together, they form a narrative reminiscent of a *bildungsroman*. One piece features hand-printed calligraphic text repeating the word Boudoir, evoking desire and intimacy. The word, like a minor spasm, echoes and traces a line back to the other pieces.

Rossetti's prints surround Vigo's installation. Borrowing a structure from two existing self-portraits, one titled *Doppio ritratto nel comodino* (double portrait in a nightstand), they are formed by an accumulation of stacked images. The overall compositions lend themselves to open associations, and stray thoughts approaching a dream-like state.

Text on the show by Paris Reid follows

In a black-box model the workings of a system are unknown: only input and output states are observable, the internal mechanism remains in darkness.

- Tautologically life repeats itself, a defect in style if a maintenance of form
- Is it not true the interest is in incoherence
- Or: its rectification, a need for causality, unity
- So non-comprehension too reaches a limit
- In total disclosure: opacity
- How does a dialogue end
- When it cannot go on any longer

I realized I was inventing and rationalizing patterns where none exist.

Giangiacomo Rossetti (b. 1989, Milan) lives and works in New York. Recent solo exhibitions include Greene Naftali, New York (2024, 2020); The Power Station, Dallas (2023); Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo (2022); Galleria Federico Vavassori, Milan (2024, 2021, 2017); Fiorucci Art Trust, London (2021); Mendes Wood DM, Brussels (2019); Riverside, Bern (2018); Warm, São Paulo (2016); and GRGLT, Turin (2015). Notable group exhibitions include Triennale Milano, Milan (2023); Castello di Rivoli Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Rivoli (2022); Museum Bellpark, Kriens (2022); Aspen Art Museum (2020); Stuart Shave Modern Art, London (2020); Greene Naftali, New York (2019); Braunsfelder Family Collection, Cologne (2018); and the MAK Center for Art and Architecture, Los Angeles (2017).

Olivia Vigo (b. 1998, Northern California) lives and works in New York. Recent solo exhibitions include "Information Rich" at Larrie, New York (2022). She has been included in group exhibitions with Nina Johnson (2024), MiCasa curated by Amalia Ulman and Nick Irvin (2024), and Harkawik (2024).

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