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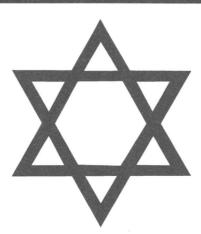
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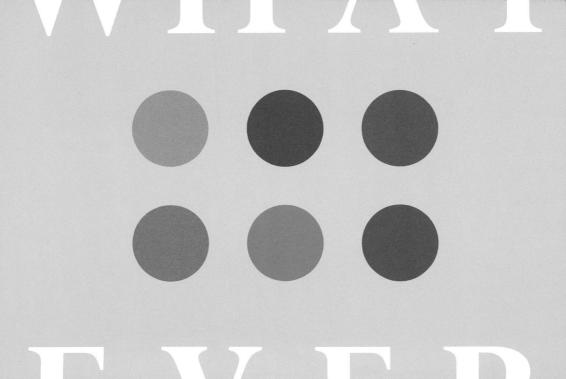
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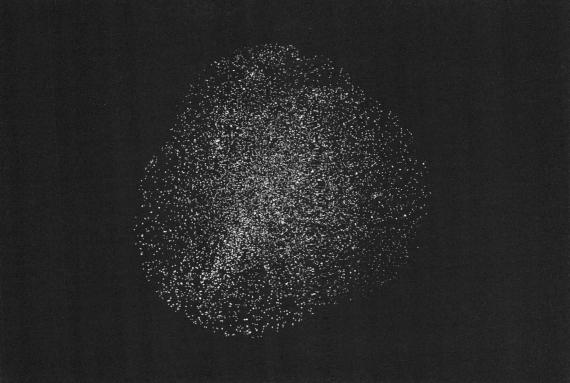
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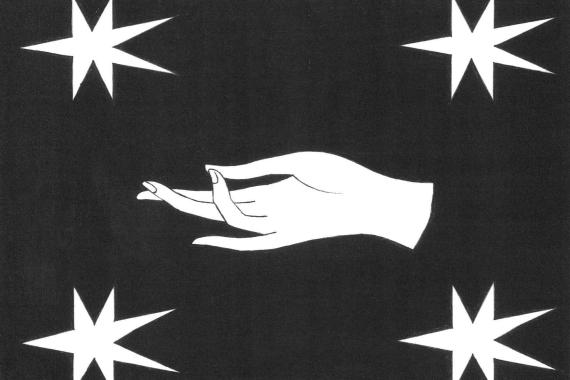


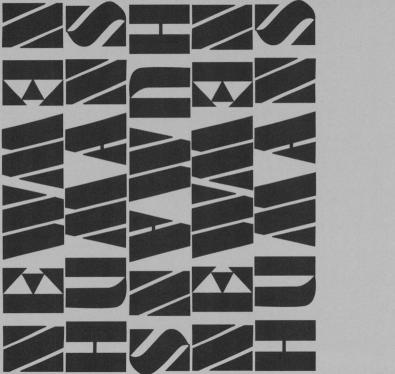


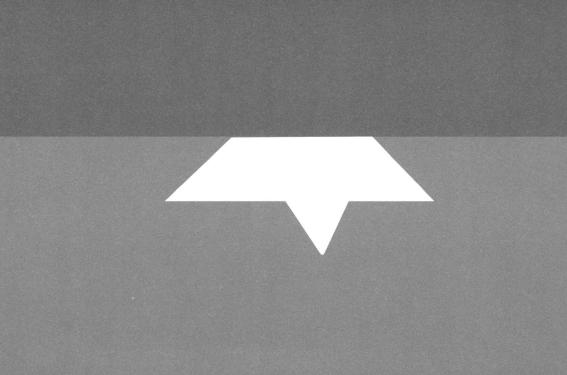


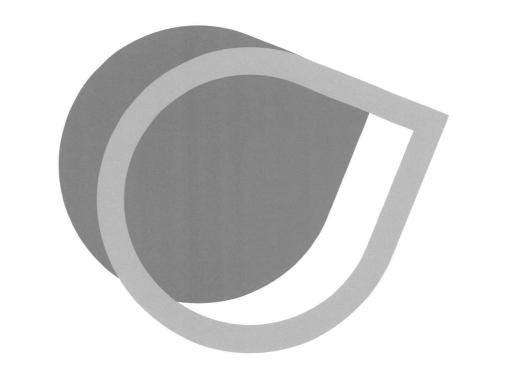
















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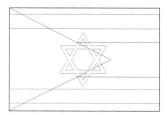
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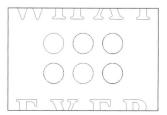


Jonathan Horowitz

"Growing up, I heard it said that Palestinians never really had a country, that they didn't really have a culture -- in effect, that there was no such thing as a Palestinian. It's telling that in 1949, within one year of proclaiming its statehood, Israel applied for inclusion in the Venice Biennale. Its application was summarily approved, and at the XXVI Biennale of 1952, the Israeli Pavilion was inaugurated. Israelis had a country, Israelis had a culture -- there was a pavilion in Venice to prove it."

Israeli/Palestinian Flag, 2011

Courtesy of the artist and Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York

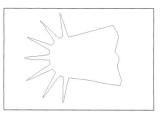


Thomas Julier

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Courtesy of the artist and Karma International, Zurich

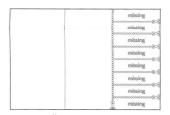
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Daniel Knorr

"This flag is dedicated to a group of people called "History Thiefs." The image and its point of departure relate to "Stolen History," a site-specific project created for the U-turn Quadrennial (Copenhagen, 2008). In this work, balaclavas were created to cover the heads of public statues. The guerilla action culminated in a second project in Lodz, where a similar head covering was fabricated large enough to veil the Statue of Liberty in New York; it was presented at the Lodz Biennale in 2010. The covering, a surrogate for the New York landmark, questions claims to liberty and challenges contemporary associations related to the present global political situation."

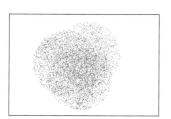
Flag Of A Work (Stolen History -- Statue of Liberty), 2011 Courtesy of the artist and Galleria Fonti, Naples



Ahmet Öğüt

"I decided to design a flag for all missing persons in the world. I imagine them as a community which exists, but we don't know where. Every time when I get lost somewhere alone, even for just a brief moment, I imagine myself part of that community."



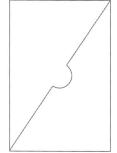


Lisa Oppenheim

"On January 23rd, 1917, a band of artists and writers, including Marcel Duchamp, occupied the arch in Washington Square Park in Greenwich Village, New York. Their leader declared the "Free and Independent Republic of Washington Square," not so much as a Republic in the legislative sense, but rather as a declaration of a "free territory untrammeled by convention."

During the revolutionary fervor in Europe in 1848, Daniele Manin, who had recently been imprisoned by Austrian occupiers, led a revolt in Venice. On March 22, he and his followers captured the Arsenale, all the while shouting "Long Live San Marco." They reestablished the Republic of San Marco for one tumultuous year.

William Tell famously split an apple over his son's head with a crossbow in Altdorf, Switzerland, on November 18th, 1307. This improbable task was meant as a punishment for not bowing to the newly-installed, Habsburg-appointed Vogt. Tell went on to assassinate the Vogt, sparking rebellions that lead to the ousting of the Austrians and to the formation of the Swiss Confederation."



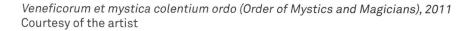
Mai-Thu Perret

Flag Commemorating Three Small Acts of Revolution, Depicting The Star Positions Above Them, 2011 Courtesy of the artist and Harris Lieberman Gallery, New York

Classic Migraine Flag, 2011 Courtesy of the artist and Francesca Pia Gallery, Zurich FLAGS FOR VENICE



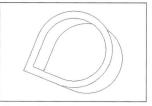
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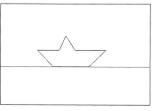
Rob Pruitt

Bombs Bursting In Air, 2011 Courtesy of the artist and Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York



Gerwald Rockenschaub

What Do You See?, 2011 Courtesy of the artist and Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich



Lorenzo Scotto di Luzio

*Immigrants' Flag, 2011*Courtesy of the artist and Galleria Fonti, Naples



Mika Tajima

The Coming Community, 2011 Courtesy of the artist and Elizabeth Dee Gallery, New York



Danh Vo