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On the Nature of Things

Organized in Collaboration with Alex Glauber June 30 - August 12 Opening Reception: Friday, June 30, 5 – 7 pm

Andrew Kreps Gallery is pleased to announce *On The Nature of Things*, a group exhibition that surveys and traces key moments in the history of Assemblage as seen through the work of over forty artists spanning nearly eighty years.

On the Nature of Things looks to curator William Seitz's landmark 1961 exhibition *The Art* of Assemblage at the Museum of Modern Art as a starting point that traced the origins of the medium from the early 20th century to the early 1960s, where it gained an increasing foothold across a variety of movements and styles. As Seitz said in the exhibition's press release, "Every work of art is an incarnation: an investment of matter with spirit. The term 'assemblage' has been singled out with this duality in mind, to denote not only a specific technical procedure and form used in the literary and musical as well as the plastic arts, but also a complex of attitudes and ideas." On *The Nature of Things* brings together several artists from Seitz's 1961 exhibition including John Chamberlain, Bruce Conner, Joseph Cornell, Jean Dubuffet, Louise Nevelson, Alfonso Ossorio, Anne Ryan, Kurt Schwitters, and Lucas Samaras, while also exploring how the medium has been adopted and pushed in the years since the exhibition. In considering how artists speak with and through extant materials, *On the Nature of Things* includes works by a broad range of artistic voices from around the globe including significant loans from the Souls Grown Deep Foundation, which champions the work of Black Artists from the American South.

Throughout the exhibition, Assemblage demonstrates a unifying impulse to decode, and understand material culture, which transcends the societal and economic factors that have historically barred artists from receiving formal education, and artistic acceptance. The works included demonstrate the myriad ways artists have used found objects, and the traces of daily life, to not only address aesthetic concerns, but also form immediate responses to their own lived environment. Through a series of nearly alchemical processes, these materials are stripped, combined, transformed, and revised, remaining tied to their unique social contexts, while simultaneously accruing new resonance and meaning. Seen together, the exhibition suggests an ongoing, and open-ended history of a medium that remains foundational to the human experience, and at its most successful, creates a site where invention and authenticity can coalesce.

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Artists Included:

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MAIN GALLERY

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JIMMIE DURHAM Some times I make myself look worse, 1992

Root, paint, wood 17 3/4 x 15 x 4 inches (45.1 x 38.1 x 10.2 cm.) (JD22-001)



EMMER SEWELL Untitled sscarecrow, 1990s

Mixed media 70 x 20 x 20 inches (177.8 x 50.8 x 50.8 cm.) (ESE22-001)



JESSICA STOCKHOLDER Landscape Truck Mirror [JS 845], 2020

Glass shelf, steel frame, metal bracket, truck mirror, oil paint, acrylic paint, wool felt, rubber pad, plastic mesh, fluorescent plastic reflector, plastic grill, branch, hardware, silicone, painted styrofoam, glue and sculpey $19 \ge 16 \ge 12 \ 1/2$ inches (48.3 \ge 40.6 $\ge 31.8 \ cm.$) (JES22-001)



JIMMIE DURHAM *BIYIYA*, 2018

Stainless steel barrel, acrylic gel, acrylic paint, skull, bumper, rear view mirror Dimensions variable (JD22-002)



LOUISE NEVELSON Untitled, 1980

Cardboard and wood collage on board 20 x 23 inches (50.8 x 58.4 cm.) (LN22-004)



LOUISE NEVELSON Untitled, 1959

Cardboard, paint and wood collage on board 40 x 30 inches (101.6 x 76.2 cm.) (LN22-002)



LOUISE NEVELSON Untitled, 1980

Cardboard and wood collage on board 20 x 16 x 3/4 inches (50.8 x 40.6 x 1.9 cm.); 21 1/8 x 16 3/4 x 1 3/4 inches (53.5 x 42.5 x 4.4 cm.) framed (LN22-003)



LOUISE NEVELSON Untitled, 1955

Cardboard, foil, newsprint and paint and paper collage on board 44 x 36 inches (111.8 x 91.4 cm.) (LN22-001)

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DARREN BADER *RS1 2.0* (DB22-007)



THORNTON DIAL Louisiana, Not Dated

Mixed media 72 x 72 x 6 inches (182.9 x 182.9 x 15.2 cm.) (TD22-004)



MICHAEL DEAN sake (Working Title), 2017

Concrete, steel, cable ties, scene tape (fucksake) $21 \ 1/4 \ x \ 17 \ 5/16 \ x \ 16 \ 15/16 \ in$ (54 x 44 x 43 cm) (MD18-001)



JEAN DUBUFFET LA GORGERETTE FRONCÉE (THE PUCKERED COLLAR), 1959

Signed and dated on recto Botanical elements (lotus, scorzonera) and oil on paper on board 23 5/8 x 19 3/4 inches (60 x 50.2 cm.); 27 7/8 x 23 3/4 in (70.8 x 60.3 cm) framed (JED22-001)



KURT SCHWITTERS Ohne Titel (Auge auf Käse), 1944-1947

Assemblage on board 8 1/4 x 6 3/4 in. (21.2 x 17.3 cm.); 13 3/8 x 11 3/8 in. (34 x 29 cm.) mount (KSC22-002)



KURT SCHWITTERS Untitled (Standard with wood), c. 1947

Card, paper and wood collage 10 x 6 5/8 in. (25.4 x 17.1 cm.); 12 3/4 x 10 in. (32.7 x 25.6 cm.) mount (KSC22-001)



TERRY ADKINS Prophet, 2010

Nautilus shells, silk parachute, rope, tape, plaster memory jug, silver tray, cabinet, and starfish 58 x 19 x 19 inches (147.3 x 48.3 x 48.3 cm.) (TA22-001)



KAHLIL ROBERT IRVING MaxedMEDIAplayer(Drought) REadTHEprintedTEXT, 2021

Digital print on adhesive fabric Dimensions variable (KAI22-001)

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KAHLIL ROBERT IRVING Mixed Messages (Streets & Screens) AOL + Lottery, 2022

Light box 36 x 60 x 3 1/2 inches (91.4 x 152.4 x 8.9 cm.) Edition of 2 plus 1 artist's proof (KAI22-002)



NANCY GROSSMAN Eldridge Series I, 1966

Fabric, leather and graphite assemblage on canvas 49 3/4" x 37 1/2" x 3 1/2" / 126.4 x 95.3 x 8.9 cm with artist's frame (NGR22-001)



URI ARAN Perfect Harmony, 2022

Mixed media 40 3/8 x 49 x 30 1/2 inches (102.6 x 124.5 x 77.5 cm.) (UA22-008)



ISA GENZKEN Untitled,2017

Mannequins, clothes, shoes, fabric, leather, glass, metal, paper bag, and spray paint 75 5/8 x 78 3/4 x 39 3/8 inches (192.1 x 200 x 100 cm.) (IG22-001)



ALFONSO OSSORIO D.T. Shingle Figure #71, c. 1962

Congregation of mixed media on panel 18 1/4 x 10 1/4 inches (46.4 x 26 cm.) (AOS22-001)



ROSIE LEE TOMPKINS (EFFIE MAE HOWARD) Untitled (Multicolor Patchwork Quilt), c. 1997

Velveteen and other fabrics with yarn ties 31 3/4 x 24 inches (80.6 x 61 cm.) (RLT22-001)



RAYMOND SAUNDERS Untitled, c. 2000

Mixed media on panel 81 1/2 x 28 1/4 x 2 inches (207 x 71.8 x 5.1 cm.) (RS21-152)



LONNIE HOLLEY Support for the Burning Spirit, 1987

Paper roll, crutches, coat hangers, burned clothing $52 1/2 \times 23 \times 15 1/2$ inches (133.3 x 58.4 x 39.4 cm.) (LHO22-001)

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LIZ MAGOR Puffer, 2019

Polyester film, textiles, paper, and coat 36 x 53 x 30 1/2 in (91.4 x 134.6 x 77.5 cm) (LMA19-016)



TONY FEHER Untitled, 2004

Glass jars, glass marbles and stainless steel wire 35 x 19 x 16 inches (88.9 x 48.3 x 40.6 cm.) (TF22-001)

CORRIDOR



YUJI AGEMATSU *zip: 03.01.13 . . . 03.31.13*, 2013

Mixed media in cigarette pack cellophane wrappers (31 units) on wood backed acrylic shelf, latex paint wrappers 31 x 24 inches (78.7 x 61 cm.) (YA22-001)



CADY NOLAND Five-Lane-Maniac, 1988

Metal 11 X 13 X 15 3/4 in. (27.94 X 33.02 X 40.01 cm) (CN22-001)



RONALD LOCKETT Sarah Lockett's Roses, 1997

Tin and cut tin, nails, and enamel on wood 51 x 48 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches (129.5 x 123.2 x 3.8 cm.) (ROL22-001)



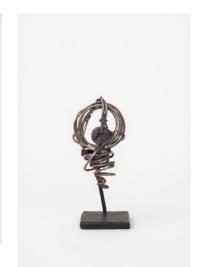
PHILADELPHIA WIREMAN Untitled (Plastic tape & nails), c. 1970-1975

Wire, found objects 3 x 2 x 1 inches (7.6 x 5.1 x 2.5 cm.) (PHW22-002)



PHILADELPHIA WIREMAN Untitled (wire, bus, advertisement), c. 1970-1975

Wire, found objects 5 x 2 3/4 x 1 1/2 inches (12.7 x 7 x 3.8 cm.) (PHW22-009)



PHILADELPHIA WIREMAN Untitled (lead weight & wire, gold ring), c. 1970-1975

Wire, found objects 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 x 1 inches (6.3 x 3.8 x 2.5 cm.) (PHW22-001)

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PHILADELPHIA WIREMAN Untitled (Silver packet), c. 1970-1975

Wire, found objects 4 1/2 x 2 1/4 x 1 inches (11.4 x 5.7 x 2.5 cm.) (PHW22-006)



PHILADELPHIA WIREMAN Untitled, c. 1970-1975

Wire, newspaper, plastic, found objects 8 x 2 x 1 3/4 inches (20.3 x 5.1 x 4.4 cm.) (PHW22-011)



PHILADELPHIA WIREMAN Untitled (clear plastic tape), c. 1970-1975

Wire, found objects 3 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 1 inches (8.9 x 6.3 x 2.5 cm.) (PHW22-004)



PHILADELPHIA WIREMAN Untitled (wire, rubber band, plastic), c. 1970-1975

Wire, found objects 5 x 2 1/2 x 1 1/4 inches (12.7 x 6.3 x 3.2 cm.) (PHW22-008)



PHILADELPHIA WIREMAN Untitled (Nails & wire, small washer), c. 1970-1975

Wire, found objects 3 1/2 x 3 x 1 inches (8.9 x 7.6 x 2.5 cm.) (PHW22-005)



PHILADELPHIA WIREMAN Untitled (Bolt, can top), c. 1970-1975

Wire, found objects 7 x 1 1/2 x 2 inches (17.8 x 3.8 x 5.1 cm.) (PHW22-010)



PHILADELPHIA WIREMAN Untitled (white tape over green), c. 1970-1975

Wire, found objects 3 1/4 x 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches (8.3 x 6.3 x 3.8 cm.) (PHW22-003)



PHILADELPHIA WIREMAN Untitled (lead weight & wire, gold ring), c. 1970-1975

Wire, found objects 4 x 4 x 2 inches (10.2 x 10.2 x 5.1 cm.) (PHW22-007)

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LEILAH BABIRYE Kansaze from the Kuchu Antelope Clan, 2022

Glazed ceramic, copper wire, aluminum wire, aluminum cans, bicycle tire inner tubes 65 × 18 inches (165.10 × 45.72 cm) (LEB22-001)



JOHN CHAMBERLAIN Samurai Soo,1982

Painted and chromium-plated steel 26 x 27 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches (66 x 69.8 x 21.6 cm.) (JCH22-001)



WILLIE COLE Untitled (You steam out wrinkles as you iron!), 1989

Metal iron, colored and xeroxed paper in wood and glass frame $16 \ge 12 \ 3/4 \ge 3 \ 1/2$ inches (40.6 $\ge 32.4 \ge 9 \ \text{cm}$) (WCO22-002)



CHAKAIA BOOKER Unrelenting Messaging, 2000

Wood, rubber tires, steel 38 x 32 x 17 inches (96.5 x 81.3 x 43.2 cm.) (CHB22-002)

OFFICE

WILLIE COLE Fraidy Cat, 2018

Shoes, wire and screws 14 x 11 x 9 inches (35.6 x 28 x 22.9 cm) (WCO22-001)



MR. IMAGINATION (GREGORY WARMACK) Hologram / Lightbox, 2017

Hologram / Lightbox 44 x 28 x 6 inches (MI22-001)

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RAYMOND SAUNDERS Recuerdos, Not in the Chair, 1989

Mixed media on canvas 123 x 78 1/2 inches (312.4 x 199.4 cm.) (RS21-355)



MICHAEL E. SMITH Untitled, 2022

Microwave, child chair 30 x 21 1/2 x 36 1/2 inches (76.2 x 54.6 x 92.7 cm.) (MES22-007)

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TONY FEHER Untitled, 2013

Glass bottles with black plastic poly-liner screw caps, black string, on painted wood shelf and metal brackets. $12 3/4 \times 108 3/8 \times 3 1/2$ inches ($32.4 \times 275.3 \times 8.9$ cm.) (TF22-003)



HAEGUE YANG Wild in Aspen: Celestial Martial Plan, 2011

Four-way straight-arm clothing rack (chrome) on casters with nine arms, light bulbs (frosted), electric cable, cleaning

sponge, crystal bead necklace, pipe cleaners, sea shells, bungee cord, bells, safety pins, and driftwood14 x 11 x 9 inches (35.6 x 28 x 22.9 cm) (WCO22-001)



BRUCE CONNER ANNUNCIATION, 1961

Printed and colored papers, decorative foil, screenprinted mirror fragments, velvet-wrapped buttons, metal trinkets, and cellophane on masonite $14 \times 15 1/2 \times 1/4$ inches (35.6 $\times 39.4 \times 0.6$ cm.); $21 1/8 \times 23$ $1/8 \times 17/8$ in. (53.7 $\times 58.7 \times 4.8$ cm) framed (BCO22-001)



ANNE RYAN Untitled (no. 284), c. 1948-1954

Collage 7 x 5 1/4 inches (17.8 x 13.3 cm.); 13 1/4 x 11 1/8 inches (33.7 x 28.3 cm) framed (ARY22-001)



ANNE RYAN Untitled (no. 324), c. 1948-1954

Collage

5 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches (14 x 11.4 cm.); 11 3/4 x 10 1/4 inches (29.9 x 26 cm) framed (ARY22-006)



ANNE RYAN Untitled (no. 506), c. 1948-1954

Collage $10.1/4 \times 6.3/4$

10 1/4 x 6 3/4 inches (26 x 17.1 cm.); 15 3/4 x 12 1/2 inches (40 x 31.8 cm) framed (ARY22-004)



ANNE RYAN Untitled (no. 224), c. 1948-54

Collage 5 5/8 x 5 3/4 inches (14.3 x 14.6 cm.); 16 5/8 x 12 5/8 inches (42.2 x 32.1 cm) framed (ARY22-008)



ANNE RYAN Untitled (no.232), c. 1948-54

Collage 6 1/2 x 5 3/8 inches (16.5 x 13.7 cm.); 12 x 11 inches (30.5 x 28 cm) framed (ARY22-005)

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DOUBLE-HEIGHT SPACE



ANNE RYAN Untitled (no. 355), c. 1948-54

Collage 9 3/8 x 6 inches (23.8 x 15.2 cm.); 13 5/8 x 9 3/4 inches (34.6 x 24.8 cm) framed (ARY22-003)



ANNE RYAN Untitled (no.264), c. 1948-54

Collage 7 3/8 x 6 3/8 inches (18.6 x 16.2 cm.); 16 3/4 x 12 3/4 inches (42.5 x 32.4 cm) framed (ARY22-007)



ANNE RYAN Untitled (no. 355), 1948-54

Collage 8 7/8 x 7 3/8 inches (22.5 x 18.7 cm.); 9 3/4 x 8 1/4 inches (24.8 x 30 cm) framed (ARY22-002)



EVERLYN NICODEMUS Untitled No 62 (Baudelaire and Rimbaud), 2022

Signed and dated on recto Pencil, ink and collage on paper 17 3/4 x 12 5/8 inches (45 x 32 cm.) (EN22-035)



EVERLYN NICODEMUS Untitled No 51 (Baudelaire and Rimbaud), 2022

Signed and dated on recto Pencil, ink and collage on paper 17 3/4 x 12 5/8 inches (45 x 32 cm.) (EN22-038)



EVERLYN NICODEMUS Untitled No 92 (Baudelaire and Rimbaud)

Signed and dated on recto. Pencil, ink and collage on paper 17 3/4 x 12 5/8 inches (45 x 32 cm.) (EN22-044)



ROBERT BITTENBENDER Gunter Grove, 2020-2022

Photographs, safety pins, insulation foam, wire, zip ties on wood frame 38 1/2 x 43 inches (97.8 x 109.2 cm.) (ROBI22-001)



JOSEPH CORNELL Untitled (Soap Bubble Set), c. 1958

Wood and glass box construction with wood, ceramic, paint, nails oil, ink, tin, printed paper, copper rings, dyed sand and metal rod $8 3/4 \ge 13 1/4 \ge 4$ inches (22.2 $\ge 33.7 \ge 10.2$ cm.) (JOC22-002)

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JOE MINTER Broken Foundation, 1997

Metal, concrete, stones 41 1/2 x 12 x 14 inches (105.4 x 30.5 x 35.6 cm.) (JMIN22-001)



GERALD JACSKON Untitled, c. early 2000s

Found objects, glue 29 3/4 × 4 3/4 × 4 3/4 inches (75.57 × 12.07 × 12.07 cm) (GJ22-001)



LUCAS SAMARAS Box #49, 1966

Wood box construction with glass beads, plastic, yarn, metal hardware, acrylic glazing, cotton and paint 5 1/2" x 12" x 9 1/4" / 14.0 x 30.5 x 23.5 cm (LSA22-001)



JUDITH SCOTT Untitled, 2005

Fiber and found objects $11 \frac{1}{2} \times 17 \times 14 \frac{1}{2}$ inches (JUS22-001)



ARCH CONNELLY Untitled (Barbie Dream Car), 1980s

Faux pearls on toy car 6 x 18 x 8 inches (15.2 x 45.7 x 20.3 cm.) (ARCO22-002)



BESSIE HARVEY The Tribal Man (African King), 1987

Found wood, costume jewelry, feathers, wire, wood putty, paint $36 \ge 20 \ge 12 \frac{1}{2}$ inches (91.4 $\le 50.8 \ge 31.8$ cm.) (BH22-001)



HANNELORE BARON Untitled (B81028), 1981

box assemblage of wood, paper, ink, monoprint, crayon and metal wire $12 \ge 67/8 \ge 51/8$ inches (30.5 $\ge 17.5 \ge 13$ cm.) (HBA22-001)



DAVID HAMMONS *Untitled*, n.d.

African mask, Buddha statue 20 1/2 x 15 x 11 inches (52.1 x 38.1 x 27.9 cm.) (DH22-001)

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ELIAS SIME *TIGHTROPE: ECHO*?, 2021

Reclaimed electrical wires and components on panel with two megaphones 45 1/4 x 47 1/4 x 6 inches (114.9 x 120 x 15.2 cm.) (ES22-001)



CHAKAIA BOOKER Equity, 2011

Rubber tire and wood 26 x 51 x 19 inches (66 x 129.5 x 48.3 cm.) (CHB22-001)



MIKE KELLEY (1954 - 2012) Memory Ware Flat #37, 2003

Mixed media on wood panel 81.9 x 56.5 x 9.5 cm / 32 1/4 x 22 1/4 x 3 3/4 inches (MK22-002)



JESSICA STOCKHOLDER Security Detail [JS 688], 2016

Unistrut, old scrap of tire, wooden stool, hardware, braided metal cable, plastic parts, shoulder bag, acrylic paint, oil paint, roofing tar, two $6 \times 6 \times 1$ in painted panels $61 \ 1/4 \times 15 \times 36$ inches (155.6 x 38.1×91.4 cm.) (JES22-002)



THORNTON DIAL Fourth Of July Tiger, c. 1990

Enamel and mixed media on canvas-wrapped board with steel from barrel Dial used for his traditional 4th of July cookouts 48 x 60 x 6 inches (121.9 x 152.4 x 15.2 cm.) (TD22-001)



MARY BAUERMEISTER V.I.P. Family, 2017

Ink, offset print, glass, glass lens and painted wood construction 27 1/4" x 27 1/2" x 5" / 69.2 x 69.8 x 12.7 cm (MBA22-001)



LONNIE HOLLEY Untitled, 2002

Wood, electrical wire, burlap, stone 8 1/2 x 16 x 12 inches (21.6 x 40.6 x 30.5 cm.) (LHO21-004)



ARCH CONNELLY Illinois, 1983

Mixed media construction; faux pearls, wood, glass, found picture frame 24 x 26 x 11 inches (61 x 66 x 27.9 cm.) (ARCO22-001)