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OPEN HOUSE – MIKE WEISS GALLERY

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Musée National d'Art Moderne at the Centre Pompidou, France's national museum of modern art, just announced its acquisition of artist Michael Zelehoski's exhibit titled *Open House* (2012) for its permanent collection in Paris. *Open House* is comprised of a 13x35 feet 2-dimensional piece of work made from a deconstructed ice house the artist found and transported to his studio. The repurposed plywood is something that plays a prominent role in Zelehoski's signature work.

Mike Weiss Gallery presents Zelehoski's most recent exhibit *New Order* May 7-June 20, his first solo show with the New York-based gallery.

Aptly named *New Order*, this exhibit transforms everyday three-dimensional objects, mostly collected along the East Coast, into two-dimensional works of art. These mundane materials featured in the exhibit range from police barricades, street signs, wooden pallets and pieces of wood. An electrical tower that the artist has collapsed and reshaped into prominent, purposeful angles to create an abstract art form, also plays a dominant role in the exhibit.

In asking the viewer to take a second look at this *New Order* of objects, the artist is reshaping our view of something once overlooked or even seen as something unpleasing to the eye perhaps. In his artist statement, Zelehoski reflects on this reformation of objects. "Through this dialogue between the deconstruction of the object and the construction of form, I am able to create works that are picture, relief and object in one." Reincarnation and transformation are an overall theme presented throughout the exhibit. The viewer's perception of the work is perhaps most important. "These are three-dimensional objects in two-dimensional space and although they find themselves trapped, unable to perform their original functions, my hope is that they become more active and productive on the level of our experience,"

Zelehoski is represented in Europe by Backslash Gallery. Mike Weiss Gallery, 520 West 24th Street, 212-691-6899, mikeweissgallery.com

