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Monika Zarzeczna and Zerek Kempf

Like this for a while

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Opening Reception: April 6, 7-9pm

helper is proud to present its first exhibition, *Like this for a while*, a collaborative project by Monika Zarzeczna and Zerek Kempf.

Like this for a while draws its title from transitory states and temporary arrangements.

Working up to the exhibition, Zarzeczna and Kempf gave attention to impermanent solutions to daily life: getting things out of the way, moving things, fixing matters, tying up, collecting, arranging, and bundling.

This exhibition focuses on brief moments of poetic ingenuity when objects are removed from their usual context, combined, and reshaped. Similar to the exhibition itself, these groupings are to be dismantled after they fulfill their use.

Monika Zarzeczna was born Warsaw, Poland, grew up in the Netherlands and moved to New York in 2002. Her work consists of drawing, works with paper, site-specific works and public art. She has exhibited in New York in, among others, the Sculpture Center, JCAL, Spencer Brownstone Gallery and Washington Square Galleries, in David Castillo Gallery in Miami and in galleries and art institutions in the Netherlands and Spain. Monika received her BFA from the HKU in Utrecht and the AHK in Amsterdam and enjoyed the Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture residency in 2006. Monika Zarzeczna is also part of the poster collective 2-Up and is currently a resident artists at the Chashama studios.

For more information visit: www.mzarzeczna.blogspot.com/

Zerek Kempf was born in Southern Ohio in 1980. He received his MFA from University of California, San Diego and his BFA in Art & Technology from The Ohio State University. He has been selected to attend residencies at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, The Atlantic Center for the Arts, and the New York Art Residency & Studio Foundation. His work has been exhibited at X-Initiative, New York, NY; The Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA; Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA; Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH; Waag Society, Amsterdam, NL; Fundacion Sa Nostra, Mallorca, SP. Since 2010 he has worked with the poster collective 2-Up, and in 2009, Onestar Press published, *Having in vain tried words, resorted to deeds*, a collaborative book project with artist Joe Winter. He lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

For more information visit: www.zerekkempf.com

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