

BETTINA BUCK
PINK VENUS

opening 17 ottobre 2005 ore 18.30 Fino al 30 novembre 2005

The gallery *Monitor* is pleased to announce artist Bettina Buck's first solo exhibition in Italy (born Cologne 1974, lives and works in London).

With the use of a variety of techniques, the work of Buck inverts the rhetoric of power and authority in which the codes and signs of our common quotidian lexicon are intrinsic. While paying the utmost attention to preserving the same force of impact that these codes exert on us, Buck opens a sort of negotiation with our collective imagination concerning significance and validity.

In this way for example, some of the artist's sculptures using crown motifs - an indestructible symbol of political and social power - are made unstable, using soft and precarious materials. The symbols of the "London style" of the 1960s are re-elaborated and demystified, losing their semantic component and transforming into unhinged and distorted objects, devoid of their original function.

By means of a skilful combination of colours and materials, the artist creates sculptural objects of a great visual force, simultaneously appealing and repulsive, while behind their aesthetic component, hide meanings which are profound and often full of anxiety.

Bettina Buck graduated from Goldsmiths College, London in 2003. She has already had numerous exhibitions in important public and private institutions (solo presentation in *Artforum*, Berlin, 2005; *Mirko Mayer* Gallery Cologne, 2004; Ludwig Museum, Cologne, 2000).

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