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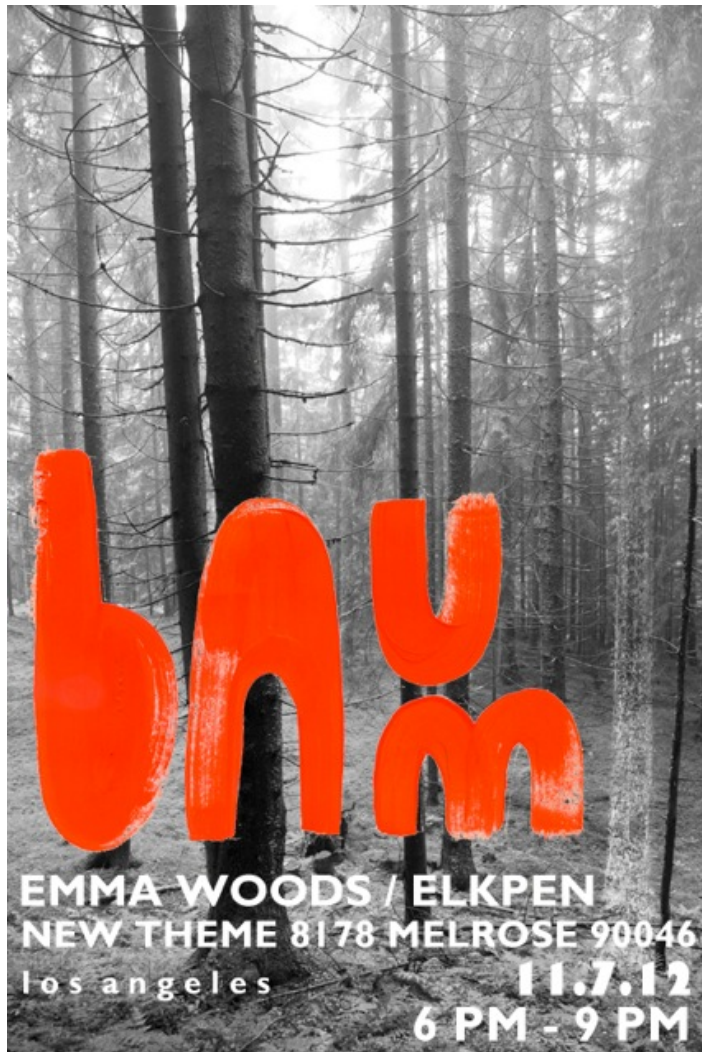
baum

[baʊm] from Old High German 'boum' = Tree

featuring:

ELKPEN | christian kasperkovitz

EMMA WOODS | patricia parinejad



NOV 7th | 6pm – 9pm
8178 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90046 | USA

EMMA WOODS expresses simultaneously the abstract attributes of trees and immediate physical presence in her photographs. The compositions capture both the concept of them as spiritual entities revered in ancient mythology and regarded by many primitive peoples as sentient beings in their own right, and the beauty, complexity and fascinating diversity of their evolution.

But these digitally manipulated images also abruptly bring home to the viewer the startling contrast between the majesty of the tree's ecological role in the environment and its helpless vulnerability to the destructive activities of mankind.

Her issue is the genocide committed against the world's trees - collateral damage caused by mankind's striving to maximize its own comfort and technological advance, the beginning of which heralded the incipient destruction of planet Earth.

ELKPEN creates site-specific installations and drawings that point out an under seen and fraying natural world.

Her practice considers what we see in our environment and what we do not. It borrows forms and space from the dominant visible environment to bring attention to the "other" under-seen environment that surrounds us: nature. Her site-specific projects raise questions about how we contextualize nature in an urban environment, if the act of naming nature changes our relationship to it, and how we organize our experience of the outdoors.

In BAUM, the two artists seek to realign notions of our interdependence with the natural world through an examination of how we see, imagine, and understand trees.

A collaborative body of work by the artists will also be presented on the opening night.

In addition, there will be a selection of objects about wood handmade by both artists in the mezzanine of the gallery. A percentage of the sales will be donated.

We will be honored to welcome you on the opening night!

EMMA WOODS | ELKPEN

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