

**CASE CHIUSE** by Paola Clerico

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## NICK DEVEREUX

Nick Devereux (Panama City, 1978) lives and works in London. He is a multidisciplinary artist, using different mediums to both compose and document his work. His studio is a stage for imaginary environments filled with surfaces and sculptures made from a range of found materials: broken glass and ceramics, wood, metals and scraps of fabric. Often, depictions of these dioramas are drawn or painted through careful observation resulting in images that seem both familiar and unrecognisable to us.

Recent solo shows include: Ritorno al collage. Nick Devereux e i maestri italiani del disegno novecentesco / Case Chiuse #07, a cura di Irina Zucca Alessandrelli, Bosco Verticale, Milan, 2019; In the Round, Adelaide, Marseille, 2018; Nick Devereux, Museo Pietro Canonica, Rome, 2017; Known Unknown, Art Club Villa Medici, Rome, 2016; Flakturm, Case Chiuse #00, Milan, 2014; Inpainting, Fondazione Querini Stampalia, Venice, 2013.

Recent group exhibitions: *Entre Les Frontieres*, curated by Julia Cistiakova, Galerie Espace de l'art contemporaine du theatre de Privas, Privas, France, 2019; *Greffes*, curated by Pier Paolo Pancotto, Galerie Rolando Anselmi, Berlin, 2018; *Iconic*, Knust x Kunz, Munich, 2017; *Honoré*, Galerie rue Visconti, Paris, 2015; *Wanderer Above the Sea of Fog*, Galerie Bugada & Cargnel, Paris, 2015.

# ARTWORKS

Nick Devereux Flakturm IX, 2018 Pittura a olio su tela / Oil on canvas 230 x 330 cm Courtesy: the artist and Case Chiuse by Paola Clerico

*Flakturm IX* is part of the *Flakturm* project, an immersive installation on a monumental scale. Sixteen canvases, divided into two levels and supported by a wooden scaffolding, join together to form an octagonal interior where the viewer can enter.

Each painting or drawing is a culmination of a series of preliminary works in different mediums. The works are based on a series of 417 black and white photos. These photos document paintings that had been moved from the Kaiser Friedrich Museum to a "Flakturm" bunker in the Friedrichshain Park in Berlin at the end of the Second World War for safekeeping. The allies ultimately bombed Berlin and the works were destroyed in the Friedrichshain Flakturm fire of May 1945.

The artist archived these images into categories of subject, matter and composition. He then chose 16 of them to be disassembled and reassembled into as many collages, used as preliminary studies for each subsequent drawing or painting. The intent is to try to give shape and life to lost works, reinventing them with an intense pictorial process, figurative at first impact but never representative.

Nick Devereux Muse VII, 2020 Tecnica mista, plinto / Mixed media, plinth 57 x 31 x 28 cm / plinth 102 x 33 x 33 cm Courtesy: the artist and Case Chiuse by Paola Clerico

Nick Devereux Muse VIII, 2020

Tecnica mista, plinto / Mixed media, plinth 51 x 23 x 28 cm / plinth 115 x 35 x 35 cm Courtesy: the artist and Case Chiuse by Paola Clerico



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*Muse* is the title for a series of sculptures that imitates classical busts. The works are made from glass and ceramic, covering mannequins that would normally be used to display wigs. The idea of the works plays with the theme of legacy, bringing to life elusive personalities.

Nick Devereux Things I could do (Paras), 2020 Pittura a olio su tela / Oil on canvas 122 x 97cm Courtesy: the artist and Case Chiuse by Paola Clerico

The painting is a depiction of possible sculptures in an imagined studio. The artist investigates the space for perception that's created by translating the medium of sculpture into painting. He uses the device of a simulation of his studio in order to have an objective lens on his work.

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CASE CHIUSE #08 by Paola Clerico

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# Opere in mostra / Artworks on show

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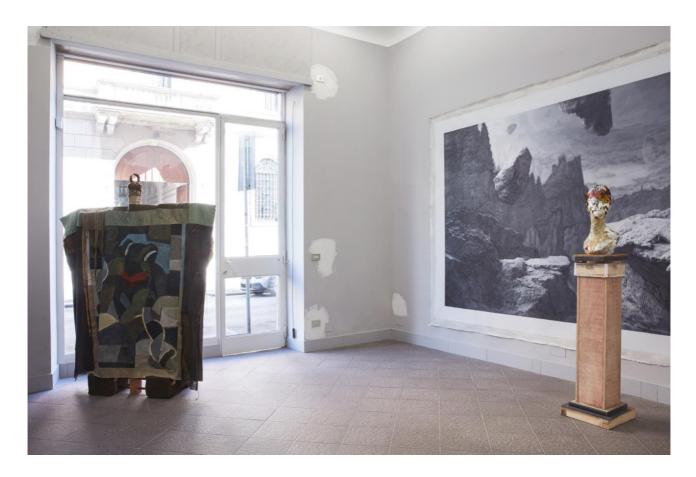
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Installation view: Case Chiuse #07, Bosco Verticale / Top Floor, Milano (2019)



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### Installation view: Case Chiuse #08





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*Muse VII*, 2020 mixed media, plinth 55 x 35 x 25 cm (Unico / Unique)









#### **Nick Devereux**

Muse VIII, 2020 mixed media, plinth 55 x 35 x 25 cm (Unico / Unique)





