

Phyllis Stigliano Gallery

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Press Release

Now and Then
Selected work by John Spinks
2-25 May 2013

The exhibition, *Now and Then, Selected work by John Spinks*, is scheduled from 2-25 May 2013 at Phyllis Stigliano Gallery, 62 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. A scope of the last twenty years, the show consists of fourteen collages that focus on Spinks' diverse periods and artistic approaches in contemporary art. His distinct collages, combined with a layer of symbolic content, are wrought from book pages, personal letters, maps, sheet music, comics, and other paper ephemera, overlaid with elements of acrylic paint.

The epic *Condensed Books*, 1992, is a mixed media work, measuring forty by forty inches. Intuitively, the artist rearranges deconstructed book bindings into a totemic spire and cuts discolored book pages and isolated words to create an extraordinary complex abstraction with unpredicted geometric forms. With reverence for the written word, Spinks integrates letters from his father in *Someone to give him a few hours*, 2010. The letters themselves are meant to be read: the angular energy of his father's handwriting melded with bits of paper and stabs of color offer quotidian details and an intimate glimpse into Spinks' Irish heritage. A singular cruciform emerges from the negative space between the letters, proffering the viewer a glimpse into the artist's veneration for his father Cecil Spinks.

John Spinks' works are in corporate collections including Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, GA; Marsh & McLennan, Greenwich, CT; and Sony Music, Miami, FL. His recent solo exhibitions include *Current Chords*, Irish Arts Center, NYC; *Letters from Wallsend*, Brooklyn Public Library, Central Library, Brooklyn, NY; and *Letters from Wallsend*, Andrew Edlin Gallery, NYC.

Phyllis Stigliano Gallery is a contemporary art gallery located at 62 Eighth Avenue, Park Slope-Brooklyn, NY 11217. Hours: Thursday-Saturday, 12-5:00PM, or by appointment. Phone: 718 638.0659 | www.phyllisstigliano.com. Reception: Saturday, 4 May, 4-5:30PM. Directions: approximately 3 blocks from number 2 or 3 train to Grand Army Plaza subway stop | Q train to Seventh Avenue | walking distance from the Brooklyn Museum.

There will be a party to celebrate Scottish author James Kelman's recent publication, "Mo said she was quirky," by Other Press, NYC, at Putnam's Pub, 419 Myrtle Avenue, Clinton Hill-Brooklyn, NY, Thursday, 2 May, 7PM.

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