

# VENUS

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## MANHATTAN

### **À Rebours**

May 9 - June 30, 2012

Opening: Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 pm - 2:00 am

### **Venus Over Manhattan**

980 Madison Avenue

New York, NY 10075

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**



(New York, NY) – Venus Over Manhattan, a new exhibition space created by art collector and writer Adam Lindemann, will open to the public in New York City on May 9, 2012 with the inaugural exhibition **À rebours**. Including several dozen works of art spanning the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present, this show will remain on view through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The exhibition takes its title from Joris-Karl Huysmans' 1884 anti-novel "À rebours," known in English either as "against the grain" or "against nature." This tale of fin-de-siècle decadence tells the story of the Duc Jean des Esseintes, an eccentric aristocrat who recoils from the manners and values of conservative Parisian society and flees to the countryside to immerse himself in art collecting and exotic fetishism.

À rebours at Venus over Manhattan explores the notion of "against the grain" through a selection of more than 50 works including African fetishes and an 18th century Hawaiian chief's feather cape. The artists represented range from Odilon Redon – the favorite of the book's protagonist - to Henri Fuseli, Gustave Moreau, Felicien Rops, Franz von Stuck, Lucas Samaras, William N. Copley, Jeff Koons, Glenn Brown, Salvador Dali, Walter Dahn, David Hammons, and Bernard Buffet, as well as Jeni Spota, Andra Ursuta and Gavin Kenyon.

The exhibition is accompanied by a free zine, available in print at the gallery, or for download online at [www.venusovermanhattan.com](http://www.venusovermanhattan.com)

VENUS OVER MANHATTAN was founded by Adam Lindemann in 2012 as a curatorial platform for exhibitions and projects that expand upon the conventional gallery format through collaborations with artists, gallerists, collectors, curators, and institutions. The gallery is located at 980 Madison Avenue, between 76<sup>th</sup> and 77<sup>th</sup> Streets, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.

For further information about the exhibition and availability, please contact the gallery at [info@venusovermanhattan.com](mailto:info@venusovermanhattan.com)

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