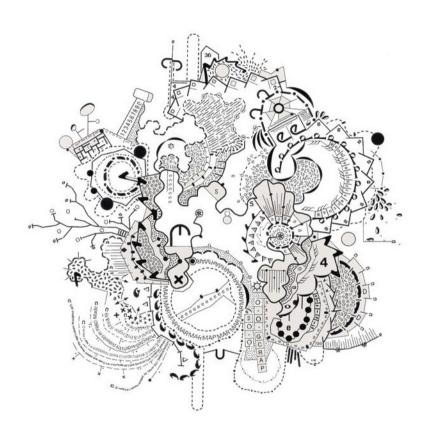
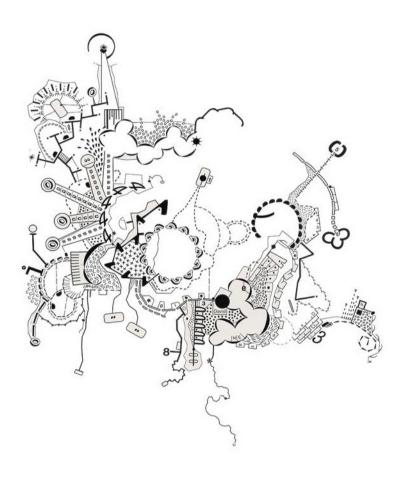


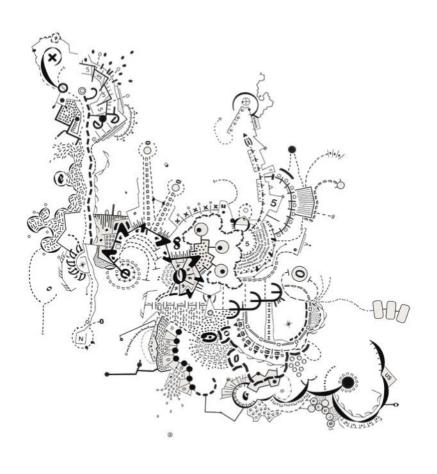
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Kelly Mark

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Kelly Mark is a productive, conceptual artist, working in a diverse variety of media. She has made art entirely out of stolen butter-knives; she has used pencils to completely overpaint sculptures through the act of drawing; and she has released a CD, recording 1000 planned, but as yet unbegun, tasks that she must accomplish. She has even produced a suite of videos, in which she performs the same sequence of quotidian activities on an urban street, doing so in a synchronized choreography at the same time and in the same spot over the course of a month so that when she plays each recording simultaneously, side by side, she appears, uncannily, to be occupying a plurality of timeframes all at once, without anyone noticing.

Mark has also produced elaborate, pictorial drawings, generated through the use of Letraset stencils. Even though practitioners of visual poetry have often used this medium to create typographic abstractions, Mark has demonstrated some of the potential for this artform in the context of a gallery. Some of the work (like "Boiling C," for example) does suggest the figuration of an actual object, but in most cases her work takes delight in the formal traits of type itself, without allusion to any external referent. The "drawings" vary in scale from the size of a page to the size of a wall, and the images often display a byzantine intricacy, since the aggregation of letterforms almost always begins to disappear into their collective twists and expressive swirls.

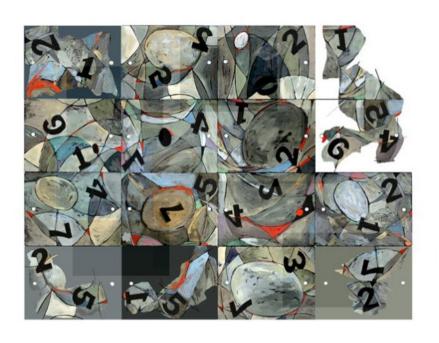
Mark has even used Letraset stencils to draw "chains" of graffiti, all of which stretch and contort across walls in ateliers,
twisting around lightbulbs and mouldings, like a long narrative
or a long signature, in which the letters themselves parade and
cavort without making any sense to their readership. All of her
Letraset drawings exhibit an abstract, gestural intensity, suggesting the kind of flourishes and arabesques, made as if by
brushstrokes, despite the fact that the artist has had to rub each
letter onto the surface through a process of painstaking application. I might suggest that her artwork has resuscitated some
artistic interest in a medium that (because of computerized
typographics) has lately fallen into quaint disuse among the
exponents of visual poetry....

Kelly Mark is represented by the Lawrence Eng Gallery (Vancouver), Diaz Contemporary (Toronto), Platform Gallery (Seattle). For more information see: www.kellymark.com.

Sannanimar sannarlega sannfærandi, sannfærðu sanntrúaða sauðamanninn. Sauðkindirnar saurgaðar, sá sáðfrumurnar seigar, seigfljóta seinlega. Seinþroska Selfyssingurinn sennilegasti serðirinn. Séríslenskt sérkenni, sérstaklega siðblint. Siðferðisbrot siðleysingjans síendurtekið—sjokkerandi, sjúklegt. Sjötugur skaðvaldurinn skalf, skammarlegt, skandall.

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Tíminn tístir, tjáir togstreituna, torræðnina, tómið. Tómleikatilfinning tónanna tragísk—tregafull tregða trilljón trillukarla, tristra trompeta, truflana tryllingslegs tröllahláturs. Tröllin tuggðu tunglin, tunglskinin tuttugu, tuttuguþúsund túlípana tveggjamanna, tvíbura. Tvíeggja tvífararnir tvístruðust tvítugir, týndust, tækifærin töpuðust.



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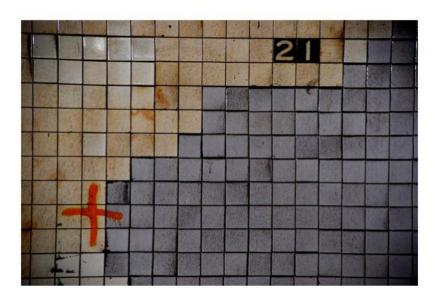


















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