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Daniel Baird
Meridian

November 17 – December 21

Opening Reception: Saturday, November 17, 5 to 7 PM

Robert Bills Contemporary is pleased to announce the opening of a solo exhibition of recent works by the Chicago-based artist Daniel Baird. This show, titled *Meridian*, showcases the artist's interdisciplinary approach to the relationships between object, myth, symbol and history.

The idea of historical experience and its intangibility coupled with its undeniable emotional presence in today's society operates as the main theme in Baird's work. Romantic manifestations of the sublime, utopia, and decay are embedded in formal elements of scale, materiality, and composition. The emotional tension of the works is masked under a cool facade of smooth surfaces and careful placement, persuading the viewer not only to reinterpret their surrounding in the walls of the gallery, but also their broader context within the industrialization of contemporary civilization. Through the act of making, Baird materializes a visual shape to the fallacy of progress where 'truth' and 'myth' are continually questioned.

Baird received his BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and his MFA from the University of Chicago at Illinois. His work has been showcased in several solo and group shows nationally and internationally, including exhibitions in New York City, Denmark, and the U.K.

Robert Bills Contemporary is dedicated to finding and introducing artists in all media whose work embodies well-executed conceptual depth. The gallery is located in Chicago's West loop at 222 North Desplaines Street at Lake Street on the lower level. For general inquiries please contact the Gallery Owner, Robert Bills, at bob@robertbillscontemporary.com, or call 773.317.7990.