

Bass & Reiner

Gallery

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CAMINO, NIÑO X CAMINO, 2011.

Bass & Reiner Gallery presents **AMEN**.
Featuring **CAMINO and Taravat Talepasand**.
Saturday, May 16 thru Saturday, June 20, 2015
Opening Reception: Saturday May 23, 7-10 PM
Gallery Hours: Saturdays, 11 AM - 6 PM

Bass & Reiner Gallery is proud to present **AMEN**. Featuring the work of Mexican collective **CAMINO (composed of María José Baez and Daniela Michelle Ramirez)** and **Taravat Talepasand**, **AMEN** brings together a collection of sculptures inspired by the forms of devotional icons. A contemporary look at the production of spiritual art, both CAMINO and Talepasand use repetition, reproduction, and alteration to examine how religious imagery holds its power today.

CAMINO organizes creative projects primarily with artists from Mexico City. They are interested in examining how contemporary Mexican visionaries are influenced by traditional culture. For *AMEN* they will present *NIÑO X CAMINO*, where they distributed blank plaster casts of the baby Jesus found in King's Cakes for alteration and intervention to a diverse range of artists from Mexico. At Bass & Reiner we will present 33, including contributions by Andrés Gamiochipi, Juan José Rivas, and many more, including Taravat Talepasand.

Taravat Talepasand is a San Francisco based artist whose work explores the limits of acceptable and unacceptable behavior according to the ethics of her Persian heritage. For *AMEN*, and in dialogue with the Jesus statues from *CAMINO*, Talepasand will present a series of porcelain sculptures, entitled *Mullahs Ghost*.

By engaging with tradition and cultural spectacle, *AMEN* is about symbolic taboo, perpetuated by the gap between generations within a new, modern aesthetic movement. Curated by Mariel Bayona with assistance from Cléa Massiani.

So be it.

ABOUT BASS & REINER

Bass & Reiner is an exhibition space dedicated to facilitating collaboration between emerging artists and curators. It is collaboratively directed by Mariel Bayona, Chris Grunder, Cléa Massiani, and Emily Reynolds.

Bass & Reiner's mission is to foster dynamic dialogues between the Bay Area community and create access to other emergent art worlds in order to promote, stimulate, and encourage a communal exchange. Our goal is to introduce local artists to a broader audience and bring artwork from elsewhere to the Bay to expand beyond traditional regional boundaries.

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