

Lesser Miracle

David Lewis

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47 West 12th Street, New York, NY
Open by appointment only

David Lewis is pleased to present a debut exhibition of furniture by Lesser Miracle at the gallery's location at 47 West 12th Street, NYC on April 6th, 2022.

"It's dusk and I am walking with Mischa Langley over the Williamsburg Bridge, the night in Manhattan ahead of us, the day of Brooklyn behind, this long border, a space that is not really a place, and yet, to get there requires vast amounts of engineering, of precision, of labor and sweat, of materials, screws, beams, and other things I do not understand. We float in the sky on its weightiness. This is what comes to mind when I think of Mischa and their partner Vince Patti's work, the name of their studio itself a kind of contradiction, lesser and miracle, two things opposed that still work so well together that they create what sameness cannot. Diametric forces - weightless and tethered, wood and metal, even the duo themselves a kind of polar pair that together create gestalt. Gestalt in the sense of its literal definition, sum greater than parts, but also in the psychoanalytic sense - the partners, their work, best analyzed not as individual components (Mischa and Vince; the screws and wood and other things I do not understand), but as the whole: not the individual but the couple, not wood and the leather and the metal and the glass, but the new worlds, symbols, the dream-works they can make. To see an object they've created is not to see a chair or table or mirror (though of course they function as those things too), but to see beyond, above, floating, onward, into a new space, a new land, made possible by their creations."

P. E Moskowitz

Lesser Miracle is a collaborative design and art practice between Mischa Langley and Vince Patti based in Brooklyn, NY. With a combined background spanning engineering, fine art, mathematics, history, and architecture, their work mixes new manufacturing processes with a range of traditional techniques.

The new furniture collection includes eleven new works: a daybed, throne, lamp, screen, table, and stools, and incorporates motifs from medieval, Islamic, and American craft traditions as well as pulp fantasy using materials such as Sapele wood, and Fortuny fabrics. David Lewis will present a debut exhibition of furniture by Lesser Miracle at the gallery's location at 47 West 12th Street, NYC on April 6th, 2022.