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BUZZ SPECTOR: New Work
September 5 – October 11, 2014

Opening Reception: Friday, September 5th
from 5:00 to 9:00 pm

Gallery Talk with Buzz Spector
Saturday, September 27 at 3 pm



Bruno David is delighted to present a special exhibition *New Work* by Buzz Spector. The opening reception for the artist will be Friday, September 5, 2014 from 5 to 9 pm.

Buzz Spector's excavations of books and reconstructions of libraries are well-known, but his work with found and altered volumes has always been accompanied by works on paper made out of elements from their dust jackets. As Spector has written, "books are formal presentations of text. They have titles, after all, and come jacketed, with paragraphs of introduction slipped between their covers and their pages." This new work features collages made from dust jacket elements in the front gallery, while in the main gallery will be larger collages and drawings, a series of wall-mounted sculptures incorporating details of photographs of authors, plus a reinstallation of *Frieze*, the 60-foot long arrangement of photos of authors Spector showed at the Huntington Museum of Art last fall. Spector's ongoing meditation on reading and the culture of the book extends here to reflections on how—and when—writers become authors, how work of the imagination is performed via posing, and how the specialized, but also highly conventional, language of dust jacket blurbs can itself be excavated in search of new narrative meanings.

Buzz Spector is an artist, critic, and professor of art in the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis. Spector is the author of numerous essays on art and artists. *Buzzwords*, a book of interviews with Spector, plus page art, was published in 2012 by Sara Ranhouse Publishing, Chicago. Spector received his M.F.A. from the University of Chicago in 1978, combining studies in art and philosophy, and studied design and art at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where he received his B.A. in 1972. Spector has exhibited his art in such museums as the Art Institute of Chicago, Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington, WV, Mattress Factory Art Museum, Pittsburgh, PA, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, and the Luigi Pecci Centre, Prato, Italy.



In the New Media Room, the gallery presents a new video work by Buzz Spector, "Selected Poems." Filmed and directed by Kellie Spano.

Current interview and writing:

Buzz Spector's interview by Patrick Murphy on Nine Network Channel.

Watch it at <http://ninenet.org/archives/20562>

Article on Buzz Spector's new work by Sarah Weinman in the St. Louis Jewish Light

Read it at http://www.stljewishlight.com/features/article_347de7a4-2e2b-11e4-8de2-001a4bcf887a.html

"Brand Minimalism" by Buzz Spector (Alex Kitnick) in Art in America.

Read it at <http://www.artinamericamagazine.com/news-features/magazine/brand-minimalism/>

In the Project Room, the gallery is presenting a group exhibition “UNTITLED” organized by **Keri Lappas**.



For visuals and further information, please contact the gallery at info@brunodavidgallery.com or at 1.314.531.3030.

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ABOUT THE BRUNO DAVID GALLERY

Specializing in contemporary art, Bruno David Gallery has been a leading art gallery since its establishment in St. Louis in 2005. Bruno David represents some of the most innovative artists practicing in St. Louis, along with artists of international reputation. Located in a renovated industrial building in Midtown St. Louis, Grand Center arts district, the Gallery is directly opposite the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts and the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM), and is in close proximity to the Sheldon Art Galleries, The Fox Theatre, and Powell Symphony Hall. Bruno David Gallery's art program introduces new contemporary art to local gallery visitors, and is discussed in publications including, *Art in America*, *Art Papers*, *ArtNet Magazine*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

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The gallery was first established by Bruno David in New York City (1983) and later in Saint Louis (2005)

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