



Mark Aguhar, *No Top Needed*, 2010, gouache, pencil, watercolor, and ink on paper, 20 x 25 in.

#### Artists

Mark Aguhar | Claire Arctander | Nina Barnett | Jeremy Bolen | Elijah Burgher | Edie Fake | Pamela Fraser | Tiffany Funk | R. E. H. Gordon | Steve Hnilicka | Kasia Houlihan | Mark Kent | Young Joon Kwak | Andrew Mausert-Mooney | Marianna Milhorat | Tim Nickodemus | Juana Peralta | Aay Preston-Myint | Macon Reed | Colin Self | Michael Sirianni | Nathan Thomas | Neal Vandenberg | Xina Xurner and Isaac Fosl-van Wyke | Allison Yasukawa | Gwendolyn Zabicki | Latham Zearfoss

Artwork from 27 artists inspired by the life and work of the indomitable Mark Aguhar (1987-2012) is presented alongside pieces by this fearless and beautiful artist/activist/goddess. Uncompromising, incisive, and charismatic in her investigations of gender, queer advocacy, and the politics of marginalized identity, Mark deeply transformed the communities of which she was a part. *The Dragon is the Frame* presents the challenging, compelling artwork she created in dialogue with pieces made by those she was closest to in Chicago. The exhibition format, which intersperses Mark's works throughout the installation, is an attempt at capturing the way Mark's communities functioned — individuals in constant communication, always sharing and influencing one another.

#### Related Events:

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| 06/29 | 5-8pm         | <b>Opening Reception</b>   |
| 07/17 | 6pm           | <b>Lecture/Screening, <i>We Who Feel Differently</i></b><br>Carlos Motta   |
| 07/26 | 6pm           | <b><i>The Dragon is the Frame</i> Performances</b><br>Featuring: R. E. H. Gordon, Steve Hnilicka, Xina Xurner and Isaac Fosl-van Wyke, and documentation videos of performances by Mark Aguhar |
| 07/28 | 5:30pm<br>7pm | <b>Memorial in Tribute to Mark Aguhar</b><br><b>Block Party/Potluck/BYOB with music by Chances Dances and Heavy Rotation</b><br>Great Space, 412 South Peoria Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor    |

# ***The Dragon is the Frame***

Inspired by the life and work of Mark Aguhar

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