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The Dufala Brothers

Steven and Billy Dufala practice in a variety of media, approaching sculpture, theater, performance, music, digital media, and good old-fashioned drawing with equal passion and zeal. The Dufala brothers have exhibited widely. Their 2009 solo exhibition, *Trophy*, at Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, explored concepts of use-value, sentimentality, exaggeration and shelf-life through an absurd and trash-picked lens. For the 2005 Fringe Festival they organized a now infamous toilet-trike race through the streets of Old City, for which they built fourteen toilet tricycles. In 2004, they rode a cardboard tank across town on city streets during rush hour, amazing pedestrians, puzzling motorists, and in general, giving the audience a dose of dark, dark humor. In 2009 the Dufala Brothers were awarded the West Grand Prize, an international juried prize in its inaugural year. Both Dufala Brothers graduated from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and live and work in Philadelphia. Steven was a founding member of the experimental, performative band, Man Man, in which Billy played for several years.

Steven Dufala

b. 1976, Lives and works in Philadelphia

Billy Dufala

b. 1981 Lives and works in Philadelphia

Education

2003 Billy Dufala: Certificate in Sculpture, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
2000 Steven Dufala: Certificate, Printmaking, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
1996 Steven Dufala; University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

Solo Exhibitions

2015 *Waste Dreams*, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2014 *The Right Amount of Wrong*, West Collection, Oaks, PA
2012 *F*, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Dufala Brothers, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
dupe Dufala Brothers, Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts, Wilmington, DE
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2010 *dupe Problemy*, Cantor Fitzgerald Gallery, Haverford College, Haverford, PA
Problemy, Cantor Fitzgerald Gallery, Haverford College, Haverford, PA
2009 *Trophy*, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

- dupe New Work*, Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY
Trophy, Fleisher/Ollman, Philadelphia, PA
New Work, Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY
- 2008 *dupe Fleisher Challenge*, Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
Fleisher Challenge, Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
- 2006 *Future Impossible / iaviso!*, Space 1026, Philadelphia, PA
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Group Exhibitions

- 2017 *A More Perfect Union*, Woodmere Art Museum, Chestnut Hill, PA
RAIR: Filthy Rich, The Galleries at Moore, Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 *A Being in The World*, Salon 94 Bowery, New York, NY (curated by Jayson Musson and Fabienne Stephan)
- 2015 *Open Source*, Philadelphia, PA (organized by the City of Philadelphia MuralArts Program)
Traction Company, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA (Billy Dufala)
- 2013 *New Wine New Bottle*, Fleisher/Ollman, Philadelphia, PA
Hidden City Festival, Globe Dye Works, Philadelphia, PA
- 2012 *All Together Now*, The Galleries at Moore College of Art and Design, Window on Race, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 *dupe Here and Now*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
Urbanism: Reimagining the Lived Environment, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Avery Galleries, Bryn Mawr, PA
Tri-State Show, Jolie Laide Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
dupe Terminal Jest, Delaware County Community College, Media, PA
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Here and Now, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
Terminal Jest, Delaware County Community College, Media, PA
Tri-State, Jolie Laide, Philadelphia, PA
Urbanism, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- 2010 *dupe Solitary Pleasures*, Slought Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
dupe Art Chicago, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Chicago, IL
dupe Solitary Pleasures, Slought Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
The Armory Show, New York, NY (with Fleisher/Ollman Gallery)
dupe Humor, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
Art Chicago, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Chicago, IL
Humor, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
Solitary Pleasures, Slought Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
The Armory Show, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 *InSites: Toilet Trikes*, Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia, PA
Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
InSights: Toilet Trikes, Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia, PA
NEXT Art Fair, Chicago, IL
The Armory Show, New York, NY
- 2008 *You Open So Late, You Close So Early*, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

- dupe Underground*, The Center for Emerging Visual Artists, Philadelphia, PA
dupe A Beautiful Find, James Oliver Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
A Beautiful Find, James Oliver Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Underground, The Center for Emerging Visual Artists, Philadelphia, PA
 2007 *dupe Space 1026 Retrospective*, Space 1026, Philadelphia, PA
dupe Points of Departure, Fox Art Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
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Space 1026 Retrospective, Space 1026, Philadelphia, PA
 2005 *dupe New Drawings*, Naidre's, Brooklyn, NY
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 2004 *dupe BathHouse group installation*, University City Arts League, Philadelphia, PA
dupe Ignite, Artworks, Trenton, NJ
dupe Days on End, Spartaco Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
BathHouse Group Installation, University City Arts League, Philadelphia, PA
Days on End, Spartaco Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Ignite, Artworks, Trenton, NJ

Performances

- 2017 *DUDUFALALA*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA (Dada-inspired, temporary installation in the galleries for the museum's Final Fridays program.)

Curatorial Projects

- 2015 *Jurors, 74th Woodmere Annual*, Woodmere Art Museum, Chestnut Hill, PA

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 Crimmins, Peter. "Scraps of life resurrected, reimagined in performance at Holmesburg dump." *Newsworks.org* (June 8, 2016) [online] [Billy Dufala with RAIR]
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 "Reusing, Recycling, and Reinventing Art." *The Leonard Lopate Show*, wync.org (March 25, 2015) [online]
 2014 Melamed, Samantha. "Sustainability through art." *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (October 9, 2014) [ill.]

- 2013 "Recycled Materials Create Works of Art in Philadelphia's Hidden City Festival." *Construction and Demolition Recycling* (June 20, 2013) [online]
- 2012 Donohoe, Victoria. "Delaware Center builds worthy show." *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (May 4, 2012)
- White, Darren. "Domestic Spaces Challenge the Concept of 'Home'" *Philadelphia Weekly* (May 2, 2012)
- Newhall, Edith. "Something funny about the Dufala brothers' art." *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (April 15, 2012): H6
- "Superstructure." *Newsworks.org* (March 23, 2012) [online]
- 2011 Brady, Shaun. "Disposable Heroes." *The City Paper* (September 29, 2011)
- Sozanski, Edward J. "'Urbanism' focuses on renewal and decay in cities." *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (July 31, 2011)
- 2010 "Problem." Cantor Fitzgerald Gallery, Haverford College [exh. cat.] Published on the occasion of the exhibition *Problem* at Haverford College, Sept 3 – Oct 8, 2010, Haverford, PA
- 2009 Fichtner, Brian. "Dufala Brothers: Trophy." *Cool Hunting* (February 27, 2009)
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- Hill, Lori. "The Challengers: The Dufala brothers are not going to make this easy on you." *The City Paper* (January 16, 2008)
- 2005 Gerstein, Julie. "Street Sports: Toilet Tricycle Race." *Philadelphia Weekly* (August 31, 2005)
- 2004 Gerstein, Julie. "Days on End." *Philadelphia Weekly* (March 31, 2004)
- "Best of Philly: 2004 Art Talent." *Philadelphia Magazine* (2004)

Awards and Residencies

- 2008 West Prize (inaugural prize)
- 2007 John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Artist in Residence (Billy Dufala)