First Maurizio Cattelan-Massimiliano Gioni Show to Feature Chang, Nakadate, Rottenberg

The inaugural "Virgin Show" show at Maurizio Cattelan and Massimiliano Gioni's Family Business exhibition space, will feature Patty Chang, Laurel Nakadate and Mika Rottenberg, among others, according to a press release sent out today by the show's curator, Marilyn Minter. New York critic Jerry Saltz had a sneak peak at this release for last week, but named none of the artists that will be exhibited. "Early reports are identifying the show's content as what might happen if Mary Heilmann had a threesome with Martin Kippenberger and Blinky Palermo," Ms. Minter writes in the release. Also noteworthy: the show is "powered by" the Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard. Here's the release:

Mr. Gioni and a sculpture of Mr. Cattelan.
FAMILY BUSINESS
The Virgins Show
Opening February 16, 6-8pm

FAMILY BUSINESS is a new exhibition space initiated by Maurizio Cattelan and Massimiliano Gioni.

Located in Chelsea at 520 West 21st Street, FAMILY BUSINESS is a guest house – a place where friends and enemies are invited to present the works of artists they support and projects they believe in.

FAMILY BUSINESS is the big brother of the Wrong Gallery, a minuscule space that Maurizio Cattelan, Massimiliano Gioni and Ali Subotnick ran in New York from 2002 to 2005. Just like the Wrong Gallery, FAMILY BUSINESS is a non-profit space open to experimentation and irreverent exhibition formats, right in the heart of Chelsea.

The first exhibition to inaugurate this untoucched space is aptly titled “The Virgins Show”: all the featured artists have never shown before (Presumably they are in fact still virgins.) Early reports are identifying the show’s content as what might happen if Mary Heilmann had a threesome with Martin Kippenberger and Blinky Palermo. It is curated by longtime virgin Marilyn Minter, who is also the author of this press release, the first she has ever written.

In addition to the pieces situated in the space there will be a constantly running video monitor featuring the very first works of artists who have agreed to abandon their sultry lives of debauchery and become Born Again Virgins. (If only for the duration of the show.)

The opening will feature a guest appearance by the band The Virgins, whose name is a bit suspicious as it is widely believed they are actually a group of sexually depraved maniacs.

Also, no word back from Richard Branson, but we’ve got our fingers crossed.

Virgins:
Andrew Brischler
Eric Mistretta
David Mramor
Rebecca Ward
and more

Born Again Virgins:
Patty Chang
Kate Gilmore
Laurel Nakadate
Wangechi Mutu
Mika Rottenberg
Aida Ruilova

FAMILY BUSINESS is a free time-share: a space made available to people who have something interesting to say; a way to get to know new families and friends.
FAMILY BUSINESS is powered by the Center for Curatorial Studies – Bard College.
A guest + a host = a ghost.