

Aaron Minardi : *Frost*

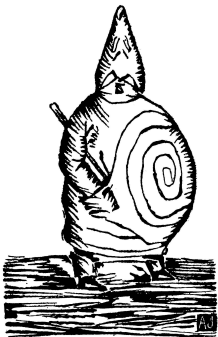
Long Play Contemporary, Winter 2024

Presented during the Los Angeles Coastal Gallery Collective's constellated projects during Frieze LA 2024, Minardi has mandated that *Frost* be shown with Long Play's garage door shuttered and locked for the duration of the exhibition, barring physical access to the show. Glimpses are instead afforded via *Poetico Eye*, a permanent work installed into the door by the artist Deborah Hede in 2019. Visitors can peer through its circular glass aperture at any hour of day or night. This gesture comprises Minardi's work *Closed* (2024), tying together the trappings of time and territory.

Two marigold-colored hand towels hang from the ceiling — one from the center beam, the other by the back wall. The weight of large, golden bells tugs their bottom corners down. The deft simplicity of their silhouettes lends to simile: like birds? Bats? Northern stars alight in the winter sky? Folkish curios? *Con-junc-tion 1 & 2* know how to play with our penchant for parables and the paucity of reality all at once. In *Frost*, Minardi makes a flurry out of meaning, scrambling the virtual and the actual, intention and effect. But he doesn't lose sight of the literal, nor slide into trickery. A napkin is a napkin. As the poet Frederick Siedel penned: "Snow is what it does. / It falls and it stays and it goes. / It melts and it is here somewhere. / We all will get there."¹ ❄

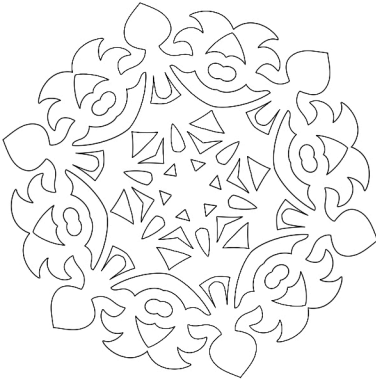
—Juliana Halpert

¹Frederick Siedel, "Snow," in *Poetry*, September 2012.



1. *Closed*, 2024
Exhibition space to be closed for the duration of the exhibition
2. *Frost*, 2024
Vinyl, Metal Grommets, Uncut Keys 120" x 150"
3. *Snowman*, 2024
Found Video, 03:59:05
4. *Pocketful of Weather*, 2024
Leather jacket, Wood, Paint 16" x 80"
5. *Con-junc-tion 1*, 2024
Napkin, Bells, Nail 8" x 19"
6. *Con-junc-tion 2*, 2024
Napkin, Bells, Nail 5" x 13"
7. *Opening*, 2023
Giant ceremonial ribbon cutting scissors 13" x 41"
8. *Untitled (materialization)*, 2023
Found paper, Frame 17" x 24" x 1.5"
9. *Outside Light 1*, 2024
Dollhouse light (installed above garage door)
10. *Outside Light 2*, 2024
Dollhouse light (installed in information/press release box)

Design



Instructions:

1. A square with a dashed diagonal line from the top-left to the bottom-right. A curved arrow indicates a clockwise fold along this diagonal.
2. A right-angled triangle with the dashed diagonal line from the top-left to the bottom-right. A curved arrow indicates a clockwise fold along this diagonal.
3. An inverted right-angled triangle with the dashed diagonal line from the top-left to the bottom-right.
4. A smaller inverted right-angled triangle with the dashed diagonal line from the top-left to the bottom-right. A curved arrow indicates a clockwise fold along this diagonal.
5. An even smaller inverted right-angled triangle with the dashed diagonal line from the top-left to the bottom-right. A curved arrow indicates a clockwise fold along this diagonal.
6. A pair of scissors cutting along the dashed diagonal line.

