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presents Jean-Luc Parant



84 Rue du Temple - 75003 Paris

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French Artist

Born in 1944, died in 2022

Spheres Echoing Words on Eyes

Jean-Luc Parant was a French artist, writer, and poet whose entire oeuvre testifies to a singular obsession with spheres and the texts he wrote on eyes. A major figure in contemporary art, he exhibited his work at, among other venues, the Maeght Foundation, the Centre Georges Pompidou, and the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris. His work is currently included in numerous museum collections.

During exhibitions, his terracotta or wax spheres were often counted: "300 spheres" in 1974 in Toulouse and "100,001 spheres" in 1985 in Villeneuve d'Ascq. In his writings, his texts are mostly unpunctuated; they contain neither initial capital letters nor periods, and have neither a beginning nor an end. The different paragraphs may contain the same number of words.

Throughout his artistic life, Jean-Luc Parant attempted to conceive of a world on his own scale, on the scale of humankind, using spheres and eyes. This quest consisted of maintaining a balance between the two continuities of earth and sky. A proliferation of forms served as a principle of production, where each sphere, each text, is nuanced and enriched by new possibilities. The sphere illustrates the primal form that emerges from our hands as soon as we knead matter.

The installation «Homage,» presented in the exhibition, retraces the multifaceted questions that have permeated his work since its inception. It features a collection of wax spheres arranged in a tumbling fashion (circa 1983) and a sphere chair (circa 1990). The sphere is a solid that contains a void, which contains another solid, and so on.

Jean-Luc Parant said, «The sphere is full of its own sphere.»

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« La boulimie des boules » circa 1990 - Sculpture chaise boule

Dimensions : 80 × 60 × 60 cm



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«The Bulimia of Balls» circa 1990 - Ball Chair Sculpture
Dimensions: 80 × 60 × 60 cm



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«Terracotta Ball» circa 1990 - Terracotta sculpture
Dimensions vary: 30 to 9 cm in diameter



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«Library» circa 1990 - Book encased in wax

Dimensions vary: 38 × 28 × 11 cm / 26 × 15 × 6 cm



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«Balls» circa 1990
Dimensions vary



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