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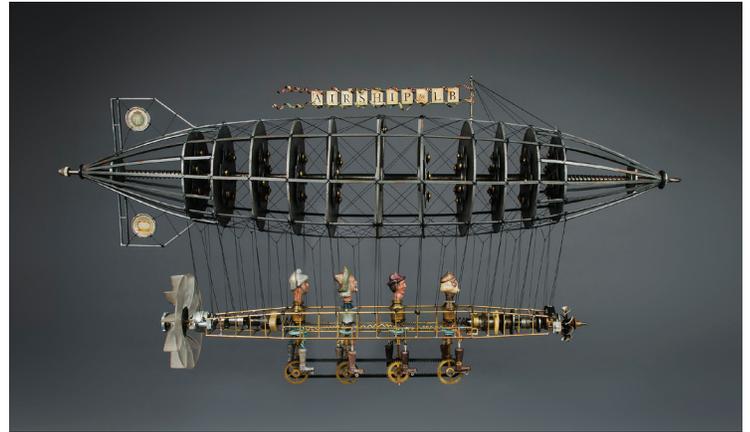
David Barnett

September 1 - October 1, 2016

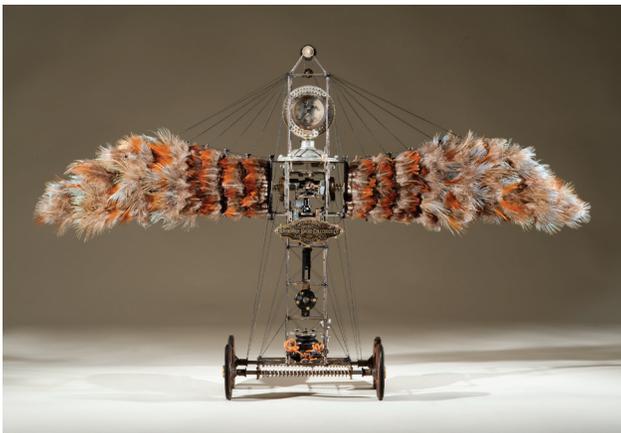
George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce David Barnett and his new work at the New York location. The exhibition opens on September 1st, and will run through October 1st. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on Thursday, September 1st from 6 to 8 p.m.

David Barnett creates two- and three-dimensional collages as well as sculptural objects that act as combinations of found elements with those fashioned by his own hand.

Infused with a rich sense of history, the essence of his work lies in the age-old struggle between nature and the man-made industrial world. His challenge is to convey that sense of conflict in a way that resonates with the viewer. Barnett incorporates Victorian era botanical imagery, ancient anatomical diagrams, and vintage mechanical components along with natural materials.



Airship for Lazy Bones, mixed media construction, 37.5" x 25" x 11.5"



Gabriel, Flight No. 4, mixed media construction,
36" x 24" x 14"

Whether it be a rusty piece of metal, branches from an oak tree, or tiny turquoise-tipped rooster feathers, the right juxtaposition reveals itself to him—"the more absurd the better," says Barnett. A character is born and a narrative begins to unravel. The theme of flight is recurrent, as is the conflation of anatomy and mechanics.

The result is a menagerie of ethereal winged creatures, human and animal hybrids, and fanciful flying machines. In this era of mass-production and instant gratification, the artist hopes that these intimate and meticulously crafted works will also evoke a sense of rarity, delight, and mystery.

The George Billis Gallery marks its 20th year in the Chelsea Art district and its sister gallery is located in the burgeoning gallery district of Culver City in Los Angeles. For more information, please contact the gallery via e-mail at gallery@georgebillis.com or visit our website at www.georgebillis.com

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