

EMBEDDED METAPHOR

According to Webster's Dictionary:

Embed. 1.a. To fix firmly in a surrounding mass. b. To enclose in a matrix. 2. To enclose snugly or firmly. 3. To make an integral part of.

Metaphor. n. A figure of speech in which a term is transferred from the object it ordinarily designates to an object it may designate only by implicit comparison or analogy.

Every art work in this show will take several "readings" and will suggest many levels of meaning. Beyond their unique representation of a bed or bedroom, these artists have chosen the sub-themes of (1) Dreams/Memory; (2) the Family; (3) Life/Death; (4) Politics; (5) History. That is, "in the beds" are many variations of these sub-themes. For example, an artist may be interested in the relationship of personal and collective memory; the make-up of a child or the transition from infantile to adult fears, wishes, fantasies. The familiar idea of the family may include its current types- the extended family (divorce, range of age, gender) or the lack of a family (the homeless). The sub-theme of Life/death pertains to our concepts of youth and the aged or how we deal with both mental and physical pain. Some works highlight contemporary socio-political issues such as personal freedom versus instruction from the church or state. Finally, the sub-theme of history may focus on the establishment of institutions and rules and the questioning of identity, documents, and power.

Any one of these art works can stand on its own. Yet, in a thematic exhibition on "the image of the bed," each work reverberates with the next object/installation. On the back of this sheet is a chart which places each artist/work under one of several sub-themes. Depending on your viewpoint, there may be other interpretations, sub-themes or interrelationships.

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EMBEDDED METAPHOR - SUB-THEMES

<u>Dreams/Memory</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Life/Death</u>	<u>Politics</u>	<u>History</u>
Biggs Casabere	Bard Biggs	Bard Casabere Chin	Bard Casabere Chin	Casabere Cohen
	Davis	Flannagan/Rose	Davis Flan/Rose	Green
Kistemaker Lesko	Kistemaker	Herring	Herring	
	Lipski Martorell	Lipski Martorell		Martorell
Messer	Mitchell	Mitchell	Mitchell	
Novak Pondick Reed	Pondick	Pondick		Pondick
	Reichek			Reichek
			Saalfield/ Leonard	
Sterbak Tiravanija Weems Zwerver	Sterbak Tiravanija		Sterbak	Weems Zwerver