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Drawings + Bricks

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Galerie Michel Rein is pleased to present *Drawings + Bricks*, Didier Marcel's third solo exhibition at the gallery.

Didier Marcel emerged onto the art scene in 1988 with the emblematic exhibition *ateliers 88* at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris. The display in the central glass windows of the museum, commonly named 'the aquarium' allowed him to create a space strangely dense yet bare, arranged which objects, mostly on the wall, prefiguring his famous series of plaster landscapes and his ink drawings on paper. This ink series, made up of around forty drawings, was realised in 1992. These fragile works have a surprising minimalism with their laconic shapes heightened by their evidently rapid execution. The ensemble is made up of a sum of *Untitled* works which can be very simply named: cloud, head, tree, rock, tent...

The exhibition *Drawings + Bricks* brings together the last available drawings of this series with the artist's most recent works. A visible poetic digression, composed of bricks lifted from a demolition site in Brussels, *Bricks* constitutes an obvious summary, through an amalgamation of subjects, of the techniques and materials used throughout Didier Marcel's artistic career. These pieces are arresting fragments of the urban landscape brought inside. They insist on opposing notions like the perception of time and the ephemeral, of disappearance and permanence

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Didier Marcel *Sans-Titre (girafe)*, 1989
ink on paper, 70 x 54,3 cm.



Didier Marcel, *Bricks*, 2012
old bricks (18 x 5 x 8,5 cm), viscose flocking
installation : 70 x 18 x 9 cm, edition of 5 + 1 AP