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The New Generation by Bjarne Melgaard

FEW ARTISTS WORKING IN NEW YORK TODAY ARE AS PROLIFIC OR INFLUENTIAL AS NORWEGIAN POWERHOUSE BJARNE MELGAARD, NOT ONLY FOR HIS ENGROSSING AND DISTURBING INSTALLATIONS, BUT FOR HIS OWN CURATORIAL EFFORTS AND WELL-KNOWN EMBRACE OF A YOUNGER GENERATION OF ARTISTS. HERE ARE SOME OF THE NAMES HE THINKS YOU SHOULD KNOW.



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MOVIE STAR MAPS, 2014. HAND PAINTED MURAL. PHOTO: MICHAEL UNDERWOOD. FEATURE PRODUCTION: MAX HIRSCHBERGER.



UNTITLED BY TYLER DOBSON AND WHITNEY CLAFLIN, 2014. DIGITAL IMAGE

Tyler Dobson

Dried up leaves, deflated river rafts, photorealistic cotton weavings, and New Yorker cartoons are some of the oddly familiar miscellany that Tyler Dobson enlists to make a show. He maintains a deliberately inscrutable practice and yet at the same time there's a generosity to the way he coalesces cultural and emotional referents that avail themselves to viewers without explanation. "Tyler Dobson's installations are a world inhabited by dumb objects, mishaps, and badly made jokes about bands we all start to hate. Dobson shows us that the unintentional still has an effect on us."