

## Thomas Bühler's "ELEMENTAL FORCES" at Art Space 98

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## **ELEMENTAL FORCES**

Thomas Bühler, oil and mixed media paintings

October 14 - November 12, 2017 OPEN: Saturdays + Sundays 11 - 5 pm

Artist Reception: Saturday, October 14, 5 - 7 pm

Art Space 98, 98 Newtown Lane, East Hampton, NY

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<u>ART SPACE 98</u> proudly presents works by Swiss-born artist <u>Thomas Bühler</u>: a juxtaposition of three-dimensional mono-chrome canvasses and glowing vibrant oil paintings.

His oil paintings show strikingly energetic archaic shapes sending rays into a dark universe, reminding of the invisible aura of living beings. The three-dimensional mixed media canvasses show bold fragments of limbs: totem-like references to *Homo Sapiens*. He says about this group: "Void of movement we can perceive them as mummies of the past or modern hieroglyphs of the present."

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"Mummy II" by Thomas Bühler. Oil,  $40 \times 32$  inches. Courtesy of Art Space 98.

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"Homo II" by Thomas Bühler. 30  $\times$  40 inches. Courtesy of Art Space 98.

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These works are strongly influenced by the artist's passion for nature, and his frequent travels to

the Sonoran Desert along Baja California, Mexico. "Being exposed over a long time to the fierce forces of wilderness I encountered the beauty and brutality of raw nature," says the artist.

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"Spider" by Thomas Bühler. 30 x 40 inches. Courtesy of Art Space 98.

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After working as Expressive Therapist and painter in his native Switzerland, Bühler moved to New York City some 30 years ago and soon discovered Montauk, where he now does much of his art work. He studied art at the 'Art Students League', NYC; 'Instituto de Allende', San Miguel de Allende, Mexico; and with painter Francis Bott in Paris.

He exhibited in 'ART SPACE 98', East Hampton; 'Broome Street Gallery', NYC; 'Gallery Gora', Montreal; 'Office Gallery', NYC; 'The New World Art Center', NYC; 'Gallery Meyer, Zurich, Switzerland; as well as in various group shows in New York City and Switzerland.

His work is represented in Corporate and Private Collections in USA and Switzerland.

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"Mummy I" by Thomas Bühler. Oil, 40 x 30 inches. Courtesy of Art Space 98.

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"Yellow Bike" by Thomas Bühler. Oil, 40 x 48 inches. Courtesy of Art Space 98.

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"Black Man" by Thomas Bühler. Oil, 48 x 40 inches. Courtesy of Art Space 98.

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