

Elizabeth Turk's Newest Works At Hirschl & Adler Modern

NEW YORK CITY — Hirschl & Adler Modern has represented Elizabeth Turk for 15 years and has presented her most ambitious projects.

"Tensions," Turk's newest body of work is a multimedia installation inspired by ideas initiated in her recent solo exhibition at the Laguna Art Museum. With 25 new works spread over three rooms, Turk moves her formal language forward into unchartered territory. By juxtaposing her signature handcarved white and black marble sculptures with unworked "philosopher" stones and sections of a centuries-old redwood root system, she creates an environment that investigates the balance — and tension — between manufactured and natural, material and concept. "Tensions" will run through October 24.

Turk encourages viewers to consider how nature has shaped these materials long before the artist's manipulation of them into new forms. When viewed as components in a complex natural system, their singular beauty and inherent mystery is revealed. This body of work is less about individual sculptures standing alone, and more about the sum of their parts. Turk compels viewers to see works of art not only as objects to be coveted and collected, but also as expressions of the natural world and their evolving relation to it.

Elizabeth Turk (b 1961) received her MFA from Maryland Institute College of Art, Rinehart School of Sculpture in 1994 and moved to New York City. In 2010 she was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship and the Annalee & Barnett Newman Foundation award. Her work can be found in numerous public collections, including the Corcoran Museum of Art and the National Museum for Women in the Arts, both in Washington, D.C.; Los Angeles County Museum of Art; and the Mint Museum in

Charlotte, N.C., among others. In 2014, the Laguna Art Museum hosted a midcareer survey of the artist's work.

Turk splits her time between New York City and her native Orange County, Calif.

Hirschl & Adler Modern is in the Crown Building at 730 Fifth Avenue, at the corner of 57th Street.

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"Marble & Baja Beach Stone 10" by Elizabeth Turk, 2015, marble and Baja beach stones, 5 by 8 by 10½ inches.