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KRINK NEWYORKCITY WHQ

April 6 → May 28, 2017

Opening Reception + Book Launch: Thursday April 6, 6-9 pm

agnès b. is pleased to announce the publication of WHQ, a book of photographs by New York artist Craig Costello. WHQ features portraits of over 50 artists and friends who visited the Krink studio from 2014 – 2017, affectionately referred to as “The WHQ.” The 96-page book includes a foreword by fellow artist Stephen Powers. WHQ is a glimpse into a culture of creatives, showcasing their style and personality. Each photograph was made in front of the studio’s door, which became the established set.

The door served not only as a static backdrop, but also a colorful, collaborative canvas. Curated by Costello, the door gradually collected the marks left by friends invited to write and draw using Krink markers. The door, now a completed work, will be installed and on view at the agnès b. Galerie Boutique in NYC, April 6 – May 28, 2017.

Accompanying the installation and release is a new limited edition sticker: *WHQ (Wall Vinyl)*, 2017, ink jet on adhesive vinyl, 83 x 40 inches, edition of 20. A 1:1 representation of the door, *WHQ (Wall Vinyl)* is a unique edition with a trompe l’oeil effect. In conjunction with the book’s publication, agnès b. and Krink will release 3 limited edition t-shirts and one tote bag as part of the agnès b. *Artists T-shirt collection*, a prestigious, collaborative series established in 1994 that has included artists such as Félix González-Torres, Jean-Michel Basquiat and Harmony Korine. The agnès b. x Krink t-shirts and tote bag feature designs that are a reflection of the Krink studio, from studio drawings made with Krink markers to original art work by Costello.

A selection of new works on paper by Costello will be exhibited alongside the release of WHQ and collaboration with agnès b. Known for his large-scale, site-specific installations, Costello explores working more contained, limiting himself to the space of his studio and the size of his paper.

The opening reception will take place on Thursday, April 6, 6-9pm at agnès b., 50 Howard St., NYC. Featuring a performance by Boy Harsher; a dark electronic duo producing gritty dance beats infused with ethereal voices, creating a sound that is eerie, intense and incredibly danceable.

About Craig Costello

Craig Costello is the owner and operator of Krink Inc. He is also an artist living and working in Brooklyn, NY. Painting primarily in a large format, he has exhibited in galleries and museums, including Palais De Tokyo (Paris, France), Les Abattoirs (Toulouse, France), Deitch Projects (New York, NY), and Museum of Contemporary Art (Los Angeles, CA). Costello has created site-specific works around the globe including Berlin, Paris, Sydney, Taipei, and London. To view more of his work, please visit craigcostello.nyc.

About Krink

Krink is a Brooklyn-based company offering a collection of high quality markers and inks unique to the market in their style and history. What started as products created to fit the specific needs of urban artists has grown into a range of creative tools. In addition, Krink creates limited edition, one-of-a-kind products with iconic brands, such as Nike, Casio and Coach. Handmade in the USA. For more information, please visit krink.com.

About agnès b.

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