

Transforming the Everyday into Art
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The concept of playing with recycled materials and transforming the everyday into art is not new. In the early 20th century, artists such as Picasso, Braque and Duchamp played with found objects and recycled materials to create both 2d and 3d pieces. For example, Picasso created a series of guitars from cardboard from 1912-1914



This piece titled “Glass, Carafe and Newspaper” was created by Braque in 1914.



“Violin and Sheet Music” Picasso, 1912



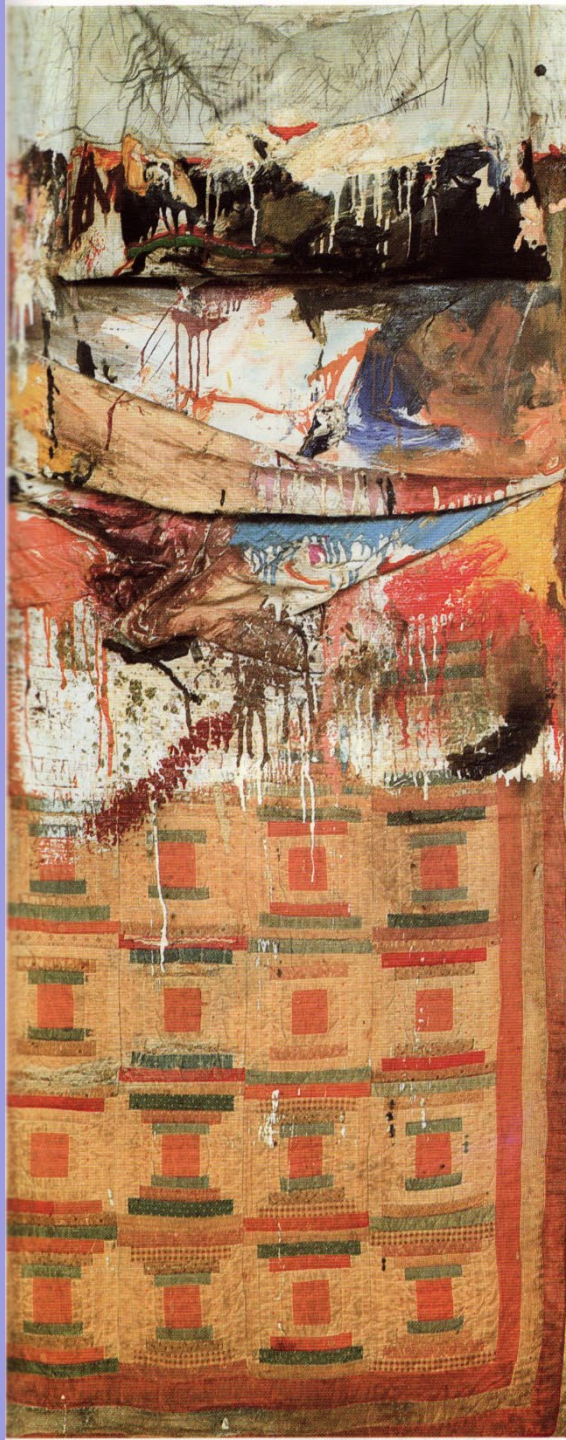
At the 1914 Armory Show in New York, Marcel Duchamp introduced his “Readymades”. This piece is titled “Fountain” an off-the-shelf urinal with the signature of the plumber, R Mutt that Duchamp got from the Yellow Pages



Duchamp's "Re-inventing the Wheel", created in 1915.



Rauchenberg's famous piece titled "Bed", 1955
The artist was well known for creating "Combines". This piece combines Rauchenberg's actual bedding with board and paint.



Andy Warhol, 1960s

Warhol is famously known for celebrating popular culture and blurring the lines between high and low art. He elevated everyday objects to art, displaying them in museum and gallery spaces.

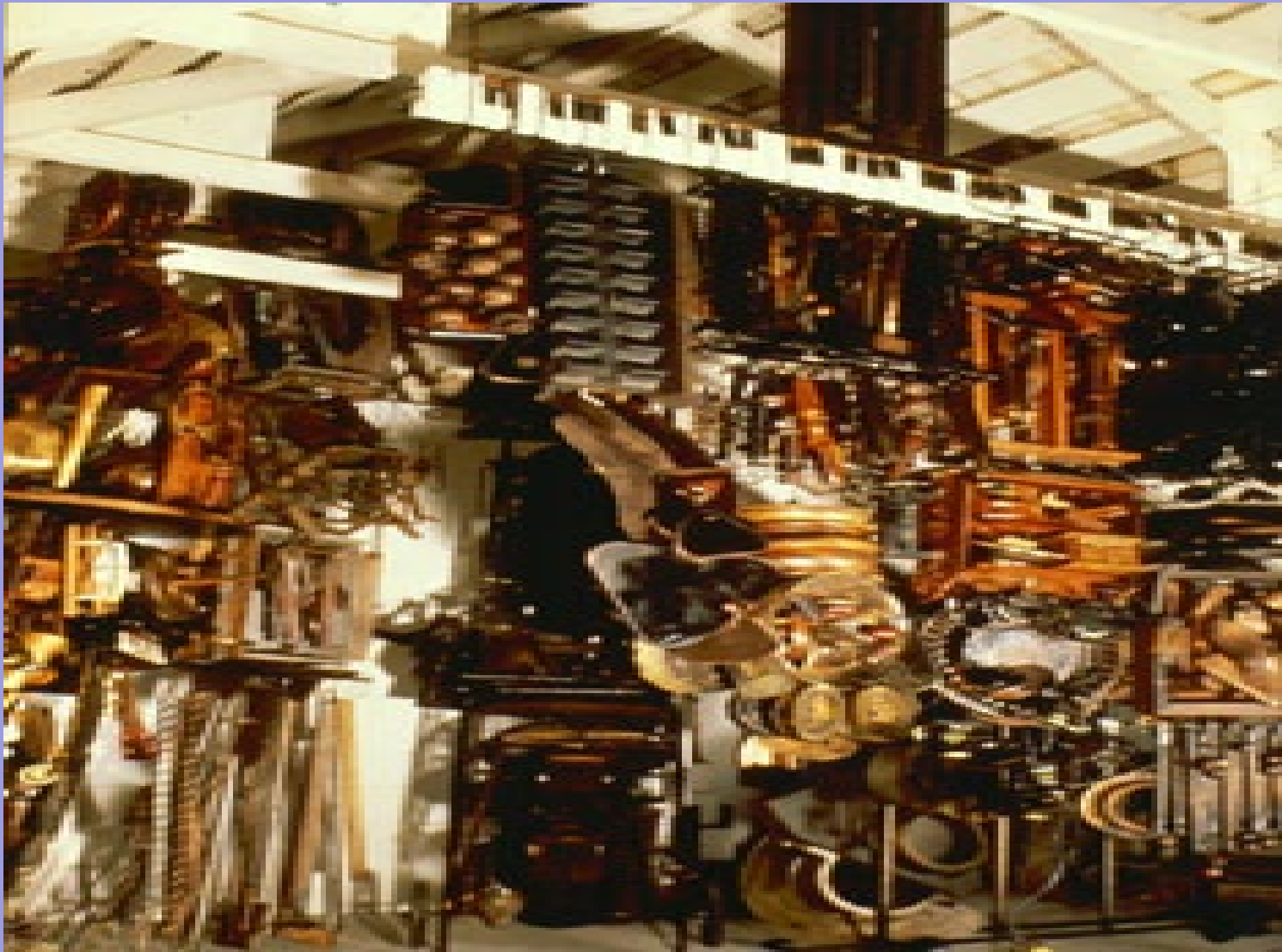






The following are slides of
Contemporary artists currently
working with recycled materials and
repurposed/found objects

“Grand Piano Rattle” by Vancouver artist Carole Itter.
The artist deconstructs to reconstruct - this piece is made from taking apart an actual grand piano (it is hung from the ceiling).

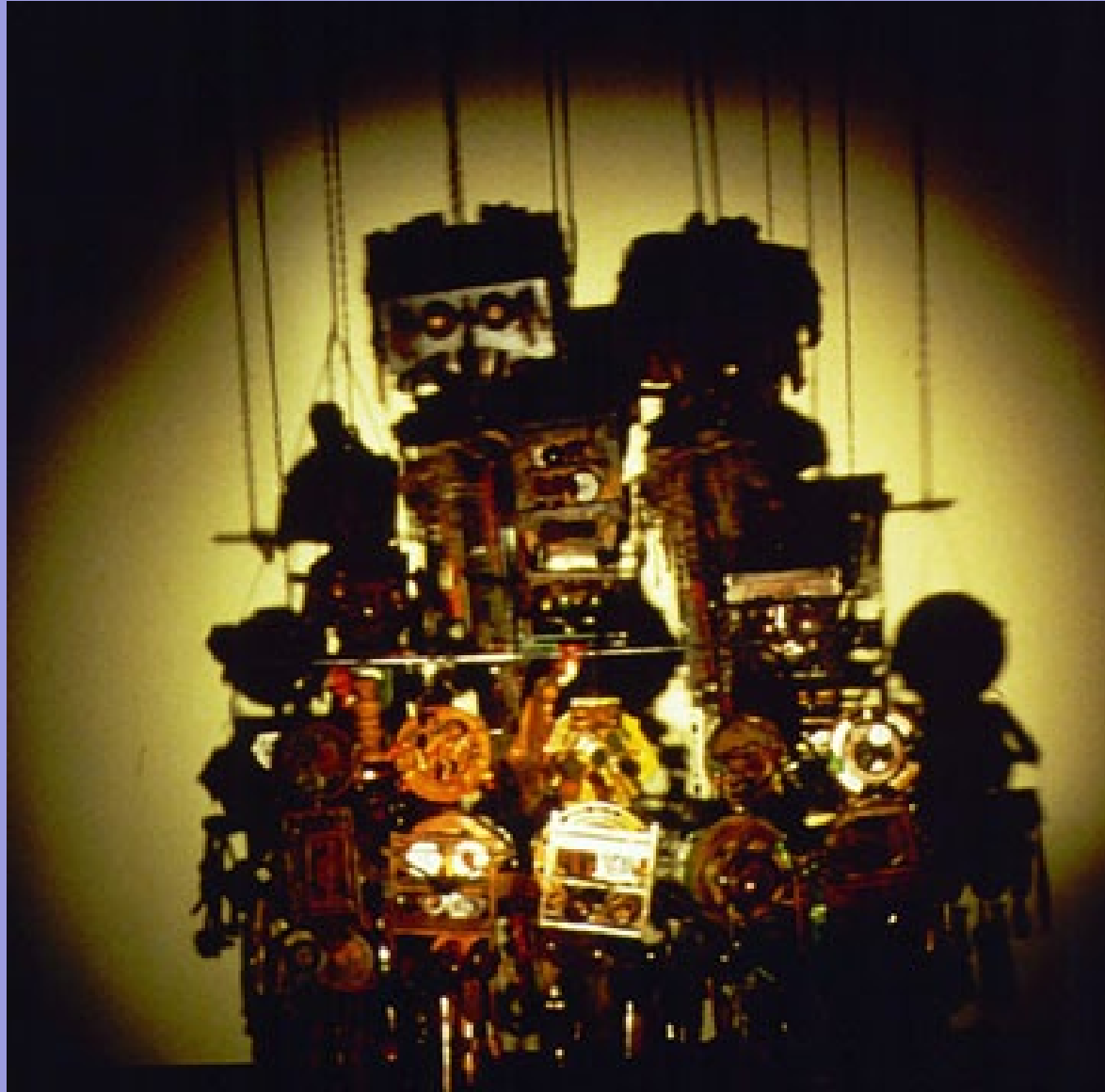


“Rattle Number 6: Marimba”

Itter's pieces are created from taking apart actual objects and adding found materials and objects.



“Grand Piano Rattle”, “Rattle Number 6: Marimba” and “Choir of Rattles” have all been used in performance.



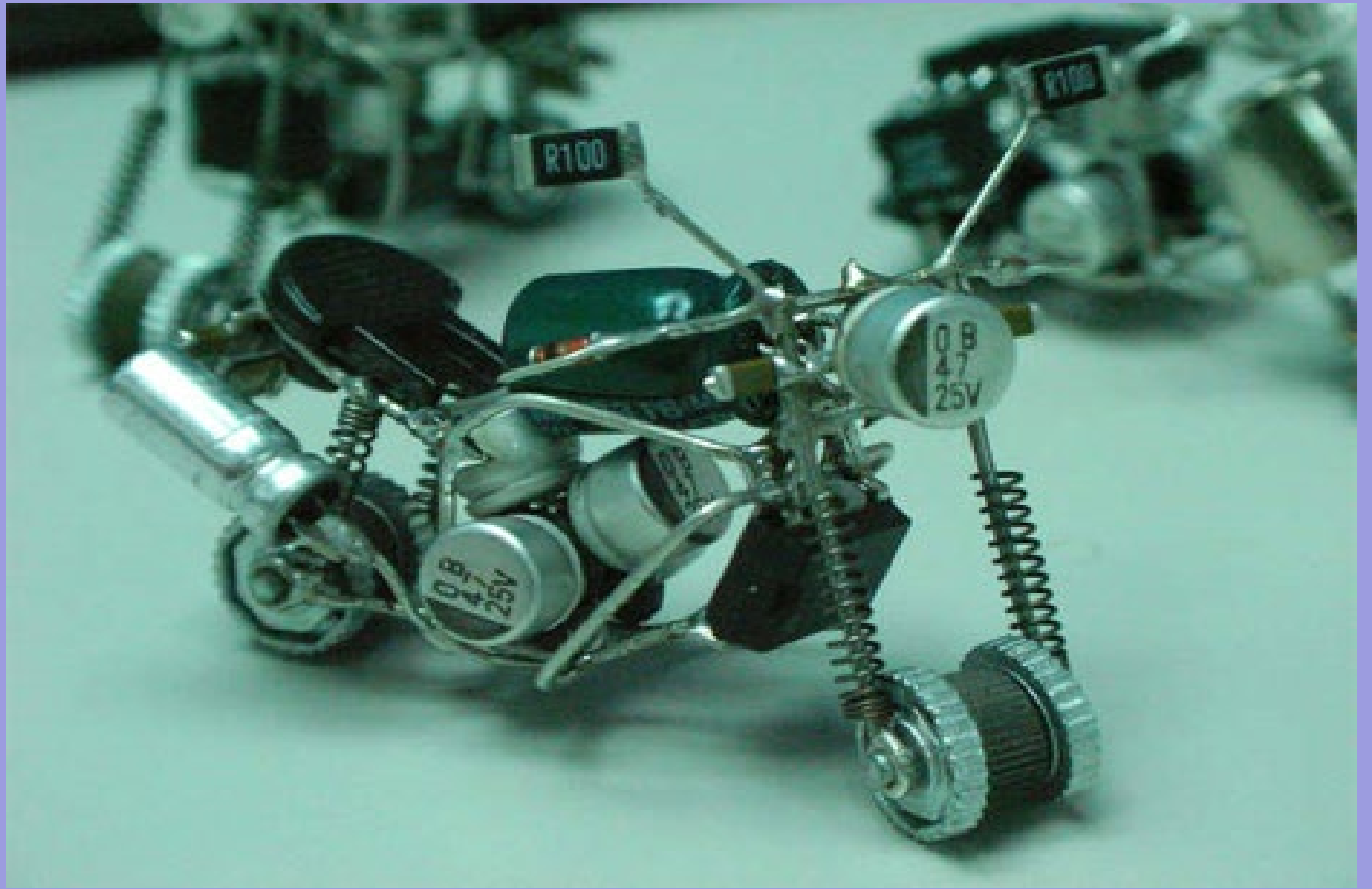
“Where the Streets are Made of Gold”



Anna Smith

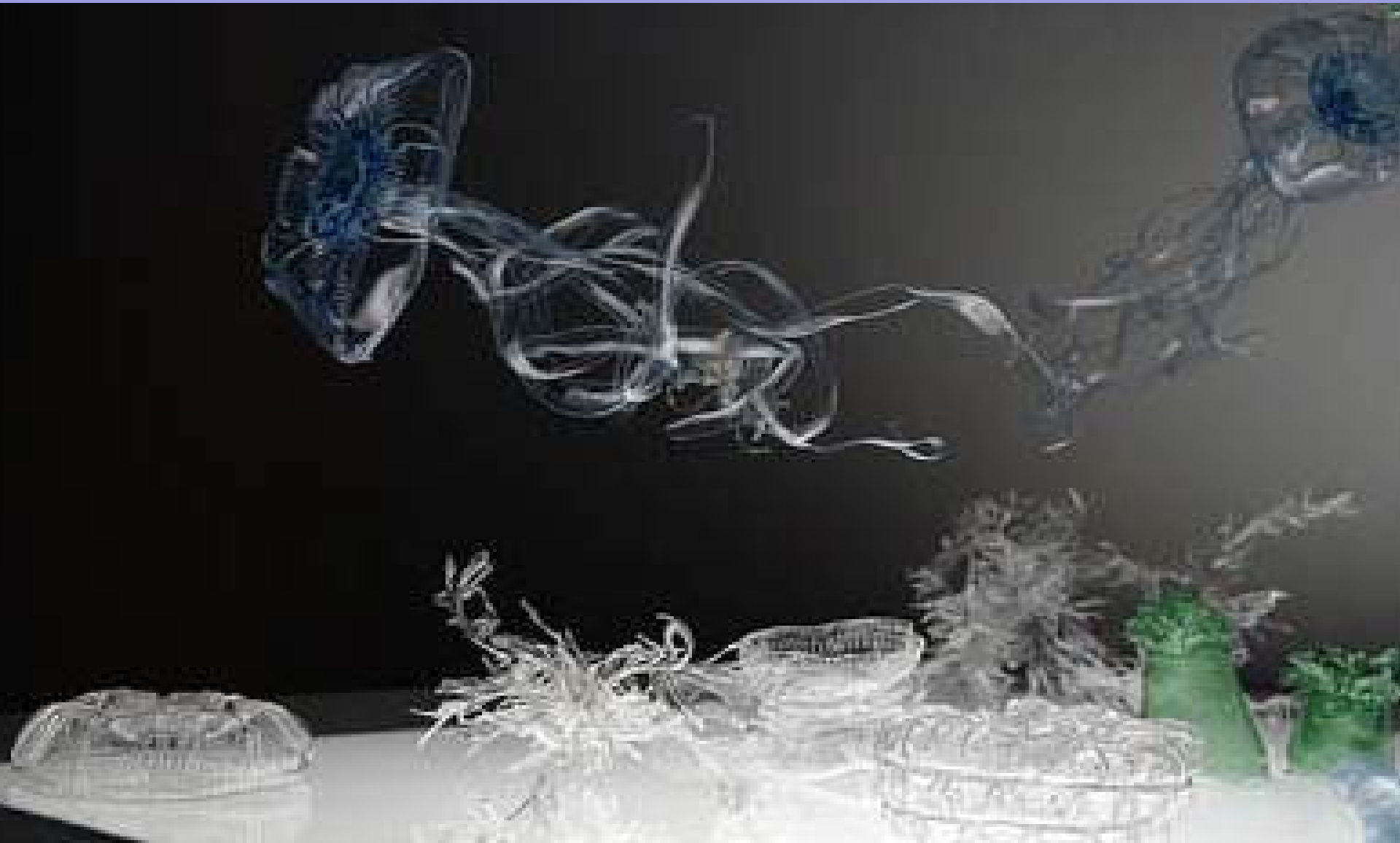








Plastic Water Bottle Jelly Fish by Miwa Koizumi



Chris Gilmour











Subodh Gupta

This piece is composed of chewed gum









Alejandro Aravena

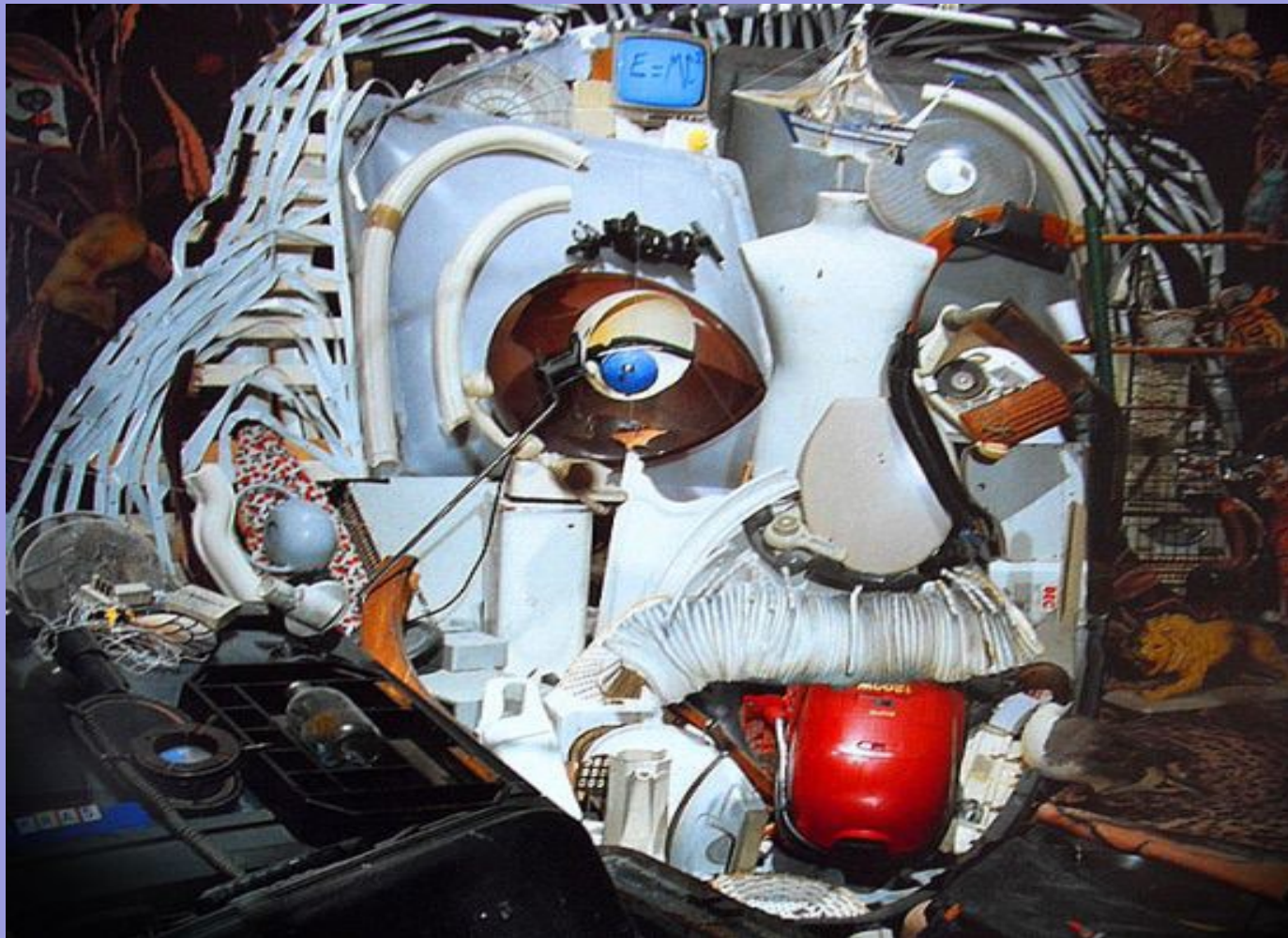








Bernard Pras







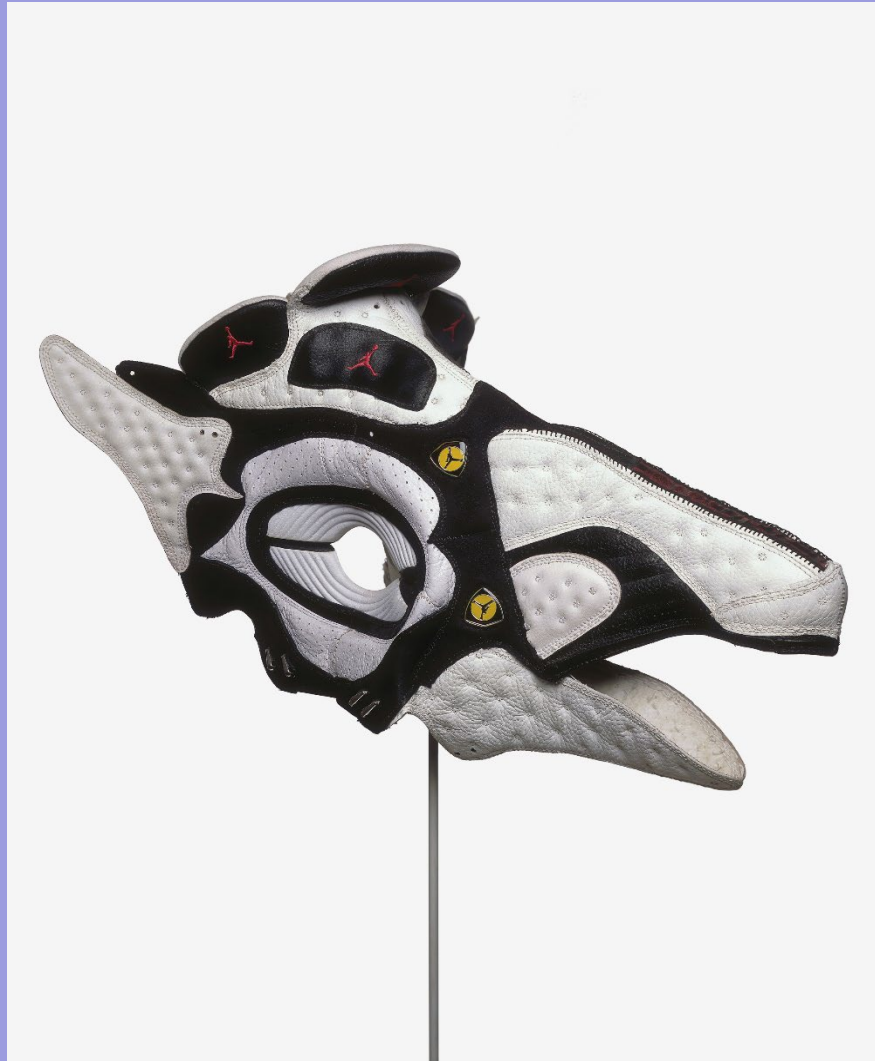






Brian Jungen

is a B.C. artist whose work is regularly shown at the Vancouver Art Gallery. In this series he combines found objects and recycled materials with traditional Indigenous art.







Thank you for viewing - I look forward to seeing you at
the workshop!

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