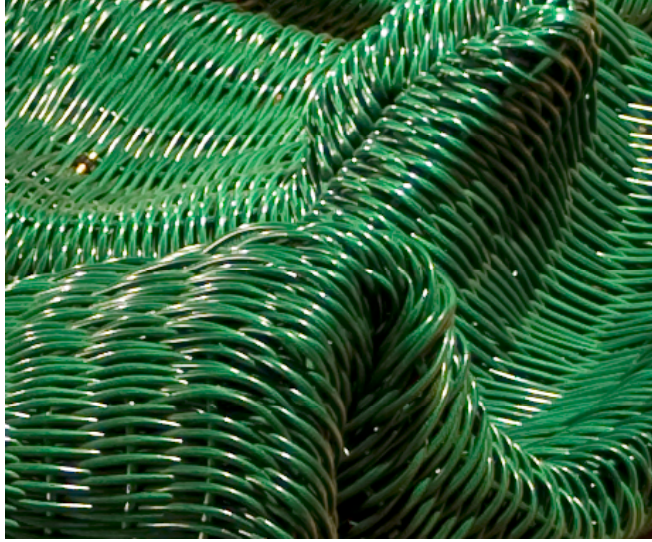


OPENING AT PEAK GALLERY

Gareth Lichy: Thrum



Thrum opens July 10th from 2 to 8 pm at the Morrow Avenue Complex and coincides with the annual Summer Party hosted by Olga Korper Gallery and Christopher Cutts Gallery, Peak Gallery. Peak Gallery is located at 23 Morrow Avenue, Toronto. The exhibition continues until August 02.

Peak Gallery is pleased to announce Gareth Lichy's debut commercial gallery exhibition *Thrum*. The word "thrum" signifies an unwoven end of a warp thread, or a fringe of such ends left in a loom when the finished cloth is cut away. It also signifies a sustained humming sound that one might make while weaving. Lichy's emergent practice has quickly risen to prominence through his astounding and mature use of banal and ubiquitous materials to render large-scale and elegant sculptural objects.

This exhibition is the world-premiere showing of two works that together contain over 20 kilometers of plastic tubing that is re-configured, woven, hooked, cut, and tied. They manifest thousands of hours of sustained and careful labour. Lichy's reconfigurations, derive in part from his suburban middle-class upbringing, and make reference to the traditions of monumental and modernist sculpture while providing a wry critique of excess and the consumer world.

Gareth Lichy studied Fine Arts at York University in Toronto and Sculpture at Leeds University in England. He has exhibited internationally and nationally with exhibitions in Europe, New Zealand and Canada. Lichy has been a Director and the

Chair of Programming for CAFKA (Contemporary Art Forum, Kitchener and Area) since 2005. He has received grants from the Canada Council for the Arts and the Ontario Arts Council. Lichy lives and works in Kitchener, Ontario and is represented by Peak Gallery, Toronto.

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