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OLIVER LARIC

BE WATER MY FRIEND

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Empty your mind, be formless, shapeless, like water. If you put water into a cup, it becomes the cup. You put water into a bottle and it becomes the bottle. You put it in a teapot it becomes the teapot. That water can flow, or it can crash. Be water my friend.

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Oliver Laric (born 1981 in Innsbruck, Austria) lives and works in Berlin. He studied at the Universität für angewandte Kunst Wien. *Be Water My Friend* is his first solo show in Germany. His newest video work 'Versions' (2012) will premiere at Art Statements, Art|43|Basel (14-17 June 2012). He has been commissioned to create a new public sculpture for the High Line, New York. Selected forthcoming group exhibitions include: Palais de Tokyo, Paris; Artspace, Auckland; and New Museum, New York. Recent solo exhibitions include *Diamond Grill*, Seventeen Gallery, London (2011); *Kopienkritik*, Skulpturhalle Basel (2011); *Versions*, Frieze Art Fair, London (2010); and *山寨 Shanzhai Turbo*, Western Front, Vancouver (2010). Selected group exhibitions include *Momentum – The 6th Nordic Biennial 2011*, Moss, Norway (2011); *Memery*, Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, North Adams (2011); *A Secret Understanding*, Kunsthau Graz (2009); and *Unmonumental*, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York (2008). Laric is a co-founder of the VVORK platform (www.vvork.com).

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