

## What's in the gallery right now

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"Pure / Surrender" July 10th - August 4th

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Beep Beep Gallery is proud to present "Pure / Surrender" a joint exhibition of new work by Atlanta artists Born and Michi Meko. While both artists come from more of a painting background, "Pure Surrender" continues each artist's recent work with assemblage. They've both expressed a love of old discarded wood because of the varieties of tones and textures available, as well as the challenge working with such materials presents. After being asked to exhibit in this show, Born and Michi worked toward collaboration, and seeing as how they had a shared love of trash finds and street art, the combination seemed well fitted. However in discussing their ideas about creating these found works, the artists discovered that their similar processes didn't necessarily belie similar intents. Michi's employs this bricolage purely as a stream of consciousness approach to creating work, allowing him to imbue meaning into objects that have been broken down and stripped of any. His art addresses themes both personal and worldly: racism, the African Diaspora, Southernism, and the functions of the brain as they relate to contemporary social interactions. Born on the other hand views assemblage as completely visual, extracting and assembling elements of found objects based on their shape and color. He works out the visual alignment of his work from these pieces through combination with minimal alteration, surrendering as much to their inherent visual aesthetics as their former functions. Email james for purchasing info.