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## New Platform

**Works by Petros Moris & Nathan Prouty**

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**Opening Reception March 8, 6-8PM**

Jack Chiles presents New Platform featuring works by London/Athens based artist Petros Moris and Philadelphia based artist Nathan Prouty.

Moris and Prouty operate at opposite ends of the material spectrum, their work finds common ground in re-evaluating the artifact under contemporary terms, specifically through the lens of digital culture and image archiving.

Moris presents Artifacts2, an HD video collection of online-found 3d modeled objects. These 'artifacts' have practical and symbolic functions, both as decoration for 3d architectural renderings & video games, and also as a form of documentation and categorization: digital records of existing objects. Every 'artifact' is presented with its original title and credited to the designer who uploaded it to the internet, using their 3D Warehouse username.

Prouty's ceramic sculptures resemble surreal sci-fi artifacts, brilliant glowing lumps with irregular growths and knobs. The artist's work is in the tradition of abstract ceramic artists such as Ken Price and Ron Nagle. However the source content for his sculptures is often digital and reflects the nature of his research, online image collecting that borders on the obsessive. In one work titled Dooser, the archaeological object is mimicked in material and scale, the result is both paleolithic kitten heel and computer rendered landscape.

In his new digital compositions from the COMMONS series, Moris responds to the formal properties of Prouty's earthenware sculptures and creates an edition of prints made from public domain vector graphics. The open source graphics are pure mathematical abstractions, with the ability to circulate intact from compressions and other alterations of their computer code. This material can be distributed, used and edited openly, operating as a common heritage of digital culture.

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