

# STERLING RUBY

# CHRON II

CHRON II presenta più di 70 opere della collezione personale dell'artista di Los Angeles Sterling Ruby. Le opere sono tutte concentrate sul significativo ruolo che ha avuto il collage nella sua prolifica ed interdisciplinare attività, che spazia dalla pittura alla ceramica e dalla scultura al video. Rappresentando più di un decennio di produzione artistica, queste opere svelano le idee e l'immaginario che hanno dato forma alla sua attività nel tempo.

Gli interessi formali e tematici dell'artista emergono attraverso l'ossessiva tassonomia per le immagini che include film horror, l'hip hop, le prigioni, i transessuali prima e dopo l'operazione, i graffiti, i sistemi istituzionali, i motori, la nail art, le sculture pubbliche, arti e artigianato, teschi umani, scavi, cimiteri, nebulose e galassie. Incarnata in queste opere, c'è la sua combinazione unica di primitismo aggressivo, unito a una conoscenza enciclopedica e a una riverenza per la storia dell'arte.

L'artista ha descritto il collage come una "fusione illecita" evidenziando la natura trasgressiva del mezzo stesso. Canalizzando ciò che è represso, orribile e scomodo, Ruby crea opere tanto più interessanti per la loro inaspettata bellezza formale.

*CHRON II presents more than 70 artworks selected by Los Angeles based artist, Sterling Ruby, from his personal collection. The works in this exhibition focus on the significant role of collage in the artist's prolific interdisciplinary practice, which ranges from painting to ceramics, and from sculpture to video. Representing over a decade of artistic production, these works reveal the ideas and imagery that have shaped and informed his practice over time.*

*The formal and thematic concerns of the artist come into view through an obsessive taxonomy of images that includes horror movies, hip-hop, prisons, pre- and post-operative transsexuals, graffiti, institutional systems, engines, nail art, public sculpture, arts and crafts, human skulls, excavation sites, burial grounds, nebulas, and galaxies. The works display the artist's unique combination of a driven and aggressive primitivism with an encyclopedic knowledge and reverence for art history.*

*The artist has described collage as an "illicit merger", highlighting the transgressive nature of the medium. Channeling the repressed, the horrific and the uncomfortable, Ruby creates works all the more intriguing for their often unexpected formal beauty.*

SALA 1



**EXHM/DS34, 2011**

Collage and urethane on cardboard  
89 1/2 x 96 1/2 inches  
227.3 x 245.1 cm



**EXHM/ADVAIR (3408), 2011**

Collage and urethane on cardboard  
96 x 96 inches  
243.8 x 243.8 cm

SALA 2



**Mapping, 2009**

Nail polish on paper  
32 x 40 1/8 inches  
81.3 x 101.9 cm



**MAPPING (PINK), 2005**

Nail polish on paper  
40 x 30 inches  
101.6 x 76.2 cm



**Mapping, 2008**

Nail polish on paper  
41 1/8 x 33 1/8 x 2 inches  
104.5 x 84.1 x 5.1 cm



**Mapping, 2008**

Nail polish on paper  
29 x 23 x 2 inches  
73.7 x 58.4 x 5.1 cm

## SALA 2



**PROVENTIL DIG SITE (3201), 2011**  
Collage and paint on paper  
40 1/4 x 32 inches  
102.2 x 81.3 cm



**Transcompositional/DJ, 2010**  
Nail polish and collage on paper  
19 3/4 x 27 1/2 inches  
50.2 x 69.9 cm



**Transcompositional/The Sidewalk, 2010**  
Nail polish and collage on paper  
19 3/4 x 27 1/2 inches  
50.2 x 69.9 cm



**Transcompositional/Nightclub 2, 2010**  
Nail polish and collage on paper  
19 3/4 x 27 1/2 inches  
50.2 x 69.9 cm



**Transcompositional/Chest Sitter, 2010**  
Nail polish and collage on paper  
19 3/4 x 27 1/2 inches  
50.2 x 69.9 cm



**Transcompositional/Christian Dior, 2009**  
Nail polish and collage on acrylic  
50 1/4 x 97 1/4 x 2 1/2 inches  
127.6 x 247 x 6.4 cm

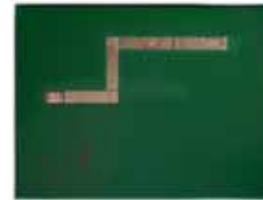
## SALA 2



**TRANSNAILZ/GRNGLD2 (2981), 2010**  
Nail polish and collage on acrylic  
48 1/4 x 96 1/4 inches  
122.6 x 244.5 cm



**TRANSNAILZ/RDBLSL1 (2984), 2010**  
Nail polish and collage on acrylic  
49 1/8 x 97 5/8 inches  
124.8 x 248 cm



**Transcompositional/Pig Pen Strip Club, 2010**  
Nail polish and Collage on acrylic  
72 H x 96 W inches  
182.9 x 243.8 cm



**Transcompositional/Orange Leatherette, 2009**  
Nail polish and collage on acrylic  
72 1/8 x 72 5/8 inches  
183.2 x 184.5 cm



**Transcompositional/Skull Couple, 2010**  
Nail polish and collage on acrylic  
72 x 96 inches  
182.9 x 243.8 cm

## SALA 3



**Alabaster SR11-63, 2011**  
Acrylic  
44 1/2 x 84 x 2 1/2 inches  
113 x 213.4 x 6.4 cm

SALA 3



**Alabaster SR11-60, 2011**  
Acrylic  
45 1/4 x 74 x 2 1/2 inches  
114.9 x 188 x 6.4 cm



**Alabaster SR11-59, 2011**  
Acrylic  
44 3/4 x 83 3/4 x 2 1/2 inches  
113.7 x 212.7 x 6.4 cm



**Alabaster SR11-58, 2011**  
Acrylic  
49 3/4 x 93 x 2 1/2 inches  
126.4 x 236.2 x 6.4 cm

SALA 4



**Artaud, 2007**  
Lambda Print  
64x48 inches  
162,6x121,9 cm

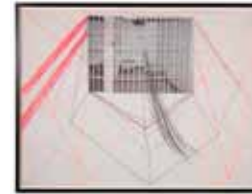


**Death Cult Los Angeles / Cry Me a River, 2007**  
Lambda Print  
59 x 47 1/2 inches  
149.9 x 120.7 cm



**Exclamation Point, 2007**  
Collage and pencil on paper  
13 x 10 inches  
33 x 25.4 cm

SALA 5



**Prison, 2004**  
Collage and pencil on paper  
30 1/2 x 23 inches  
77.5 x 58.4 cm



**Apex / Pelican Bay Gymnasium, 2007**  
Watercolor and pencil on paper  
22 x 30 inches  
55.9 x 76.2 cm



**Modern Couple 2010, 2010**  
Collage  
26 1/2 x 23 7/8 inches  
67.3 x 60.6 cm



**Apex T, 2007**  
Collage, watercolor and pencil on paper  
21 x 26 3/4 inches  
53.3 x 67.9 cm



**Future Public, 2010**  
Collage on paper  
27 1/2 x 19 1/2 inches  
69.9 x 49.5 cm



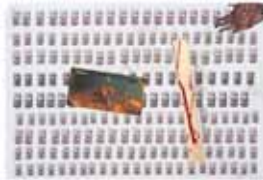
**Sphere & Pedestal, 2007**  
Collage on cardboard  
13 x 11 inches  
33 x 27.9 cm



***Sheath & Vessel, 2007***  
Collage on paper  
20 1/2 x 16 1/2 inches  
52.1 x 41.9 cm



***Nails, Mammary, Stalagmites, 2010***  
Collage on paper  
13 x 18 1/2 inches  
33 x 47 cm



***Triple Strength Raw, 2010***  
Collage on paper  
13 x 19 inches  
33 x 48.3 cm



***Girl In Kiln, 2004***  
Collage on paper  
13 x 19 inches  
33 x 48.3 cm



***Endangered Meaning, 2004***  
Collage  
25 1/2 x 22 1/4 inches  
64.8 x 56.5 cm



***Public Grip, 2010***  
Collage  
19 x 13 inches  
48.3 x 33 cm



***Quilt/Body Snatchers, 2004***  
Collage  
9 x 9 1/4 inches  
22.9 x 23.5 cm



***Space, 2007***  
collage and paint on paper  
17 x 13 3/4 inches  
43.2 x 34.9 cm



***Massive Cannibalism Mix, 2007***  
Collage  
17 x 11 inches  
43.2 x 27.9 cm



***Existentialists 2, 2010***  
Collage  
30 x 41 x 2 inches  
76.2 x 104.1 x 5.1 cm



***DRFTRS (4243), 2013***  
Collage and paint on paper  
34 3/4 x 22 7/8 inches  
88.3 x 58.1 cm



***DRFTRS (4117), 2012***  
Collage and paint on paper  
28 x 22 inches  
71.1 x 55.9 cm

SALA 5



**DRFTRS (4259), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
23 x 34 3/4 inches  
58.4 x 88.3 cm



**DRFTRS (4120), 2012**  
Collage and paint on paper  
24 x 18 inches  
61 x 45.7 cm



**DRFTRS (4121), 2012**  
Collage and paint on paper  
24 x 18 inches  
61 x 45.7 cm

SALA 6



**DRFTRS (4255), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
25 x 19 1/2 inches  
63.5 x 49.5 cm



**DRFTRS (4257), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
25 x 19 inches  
63.5 x 48.3 cm



**DRFTRS (4200), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
18x12 inches  
45.7x30.5 cm

SALA 6



**DRFTRS (4250), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
35 x 23 inches  
88.9 x 58.4 cm



**Head Trekkers Stack 1, 2011**  
Collage on paper  
79 5/8 x 53 5/8 x 2 1/2 inches  
202.2 x 136.2 x 6.4 cm



**Head Trekkers 1, 2010**  
Collage on paper  
38 1/4 x 25 1/4 x 2 inches  
97.2 x 64.1 x 5.1 cm



**Head Trekkers 6, 2010**  
Collage on paper  
38 x 25 x 2 inches  
96.5 x 63.5 x 5.1 cm



**Head Trekkers 18, 2010**  
Collage on paper  
38 x 25 x 2 inches  
96.5 x 63.5 x 5.1 cm



**Head Trekkers 17, 2010**  
Collage on paper  
38 1/4 x 25 1/4 x 2 inches  
97.2 x 64.1 x 5.1 cm

SALA 6



**Planetary Model Study, 2010**  
Collage on paper  
43 7/8 x 27 7/8 inches  
111.4 x 70.8 cm



**Scratch/Chanel La Vernis, 2008**  
Collage and paint on paper  
44 x 28 inches  
111.8 x 71.1 cm



**Scratch/Chanel La Vernis, 2008**  
Collage and paint on paper  
44 x 28 inches  
111.8 x 71.1 cm



**Scratch/Chanel La Vernis, 2008**  
Collage and paint on paper  
44 x 28 inches  
111.8 x 71.1 cm



**DRFTRS (4253), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
38 x 25 inches  
96.5 x 63.5 cm



**DRFTRS (4188), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
28 x 34 3/4 inches  
71.1 x 88.3 cm

SALA 6



**DRFTRS (4251), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
25 x 38 inches  
63.5 x 96.5 cm



**ADVAIR DEEP SPACE STUDY, 2010**  
Collage on paper  
75 x 48 1/2 inches  
190.5 x 123.2 cm



**Head Steppers 1, 2010**  
Collage on paper  
48 3/4 x 74 7/8 inches  
123.8 x 190.2 cm

SALA 7



**DRFTRS (4210), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
12 x 12 inches  
30.5 x 30.5 cm



**DRFTRS (4208), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
12 x 12 inches  
30.5 x 30.5 cm



**DRFTRS (4195), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
12 x 12 inches  
30.5 x 30.5 cm

SALA 7



**DRFTRS (4207), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
12 x 12 inches  
30.5 x 30.5 cm



**DRFTRS (4204), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
12 x 18 inches  
30.5 x 45.7 cm



**DRFTRS (4197), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
11 5/8 x 16 1/2 inches  
29.5 x 41.9 cm



**DRFTRS (4192), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
11 5/8 x 16 1/2 inches  
29.5 x 41.9 cm



**DRFTRS (4194), 2013**  
Collage and paint on paper  
11 5/8 x 16 1/2 inches  
29.5 x 41.9 cm



**CDC/PDC Study Suite, 2008**  
4 Unique Collages and pen on paper  
8 1/2 x 11 inches  
21.6 x 27.9 cm

SALA 7



**CRYPT KEEPER (EAT YOURSELF, EAT THE LONELY, EAT RICH, EAT THE RICH, EAT DEATH, EAT SEX), 2008**  
Collage, paint and spray paint on paper and cardstock  
48 3/4 x 49 3/4 x 2 inches  
123.8 x 126.4 x 5.1 cm



**HRG Suite, 2006**  
9 Unique Collages on paper  
57 x 58 x 2 inches  
144.8 x 147.3 x 5.1 cm



**2Traps Study, 2010**  
Collage on paper  
54 x 87 inches  
137.2 x 221 cm

SALA 8



**GRID SISTER 1, 2010**  
Nail polish and collage on acrylic  
32 x 49 inches  
81.3 x 124.5 cm



**Alpha Tier 1, 2008**  
Collage, spray paint and pencil on paper  
52 x 72 inches  
132.1 x 182.9 cm



**Head Trekkers + Gated Doors 1, 2010**  
Collage and spray paint on paper  
72 x 87 inches  
182.9 x 221 cm



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