

Peace

Artist Edition by Glenn Kaino in collaboration with Will Ferrell



Glenn Kaino, 2016
Title: *Peace*

Dimensions: 8¾" x 4" x 2½"
Material: Paraffin wax

Peace is a wax artist edition cast from the hand of comedian and actor Will Ferrell by artist Glenn Kaino. The artwork is also a working candle - the wick runs up the index finger of Will's peace sign. If the candle were to burn all the way down, the sign would become distorted, then transformed into something very different.

At first seemingly benign, the artwork becomes more aggressive as it is slowly destroyed. This slow and inexorable transformation pits conflicting symbols against one another as they struggle for dominance. The fact that it is cast from Will Ferrell's hand lends a sense of irony to the whole thing (and resonates with our current political context) - sometimes the world is just too absurd, and it all seems like a big joke.

Glenn Kaino, artist and also a co-founder of Markybox, a membership based art box for kids, created the limited edition in partnership with Markybox and Will Ferrell in order to benefit the free family programming of the UCLA Hammer Museum.



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Glenn Kaino (b. 1972 Los Angeles, CA) transforms conventional materials and forms through a process of working that mobilizes the languages, logics, and economies of other creative disciplines as raw elements in artistic production. Conceiving his practice as conceptual kitbashing, akin to a model maker's way of appropriating readymade kits to assemble unique models, Kaino's works aim to reconcile conflicting ideologies, opposing systems, and strict dichotomies in material and experiential ways. Trained as a sculptor in Southern California, Kaino has also worked extensively with biologists, robotics specialists, programmers, animators, hackers, cartographers, weavers, Zapatistas, and magicians

to develop his oeuvre that draws from the mechanics of these specialized nodes of knowledge in order to forge new relationships between distinct forms of matter and thought.

Recent exhibitions include Focus:

Glenn Kaino at the Modern Art Museum Ft. Worth, Texas (2016); Labyrinths at Honor Fraser, Los Angeles, CA (2015); Leviathan at Kavi Gupta CHICAGO | Elizabeth Street, Chicago, IL (2014); The 5x5 Project in Washington DC (2014); Prospect.3: Notes for Now in New Orleans, LA (2014); and GOLD at the Bass Museum, Miami Beach, FL (2014).