

## newsletter

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Ra Gallery is pleased to present new work by **Karin Herwegh** and **Jasmin Matzakow**.

You are cordially invited to the opening of both exhibitions, at which the artists will be present, on Saturday **14 May**, from 4 to 6 pm.

## exhibition

**Karin Herwegh***Merging Memories*

14.05.16 – 25.06.16

In her work Karin Herwegh addresses aspects of life that seem to be vanishing: for instance, insight into and an understanding of how things function on a personal level. At the same time she allows room for different perspectives. To achieve this she uses information on the Internet about all ages, cultures and places as a kind of personal archive. She selects, styles, and abstracts found images, whereby they lose their specific meaning and context. The design is guided by decisions taken in the process of making. The simplicity of a piece of wood as material and a knife as an implement ensure her independence from technology in the working process. Opposite worlds complement one another and new connections surface in her works, in particular the necklaces that lend themselves to various 'readings'.

**Jasmin Matzakow***body x necklace x intention = base unit*

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Jasmin Matzakow is interested in the relationship between jewellery, the body, and social context. She investigates the backgrounds and effect of tattooing, scarring, and branding. These painful physical interventions are carried out in a controlled and a ritualized setting. And, they provide protection on a physical and a magical level.

Jasmin also mutilates her necklaces. In that process, and its result, they acquire great beauty which makes them accessible.



By referencing the possibility of healing and growth after a painful experience, the jewellery itself also acquires transformational powers aimed at the future. The necklaces form a protective shield, as well as a 'weapon' that can break power and create love.



## announcements

**KunstRai / Art Amsterdam** will once again take place in Amsterdam RAI from 1 – 5 June. Ra Gallery, Stand 36, presents current work by its artists, with a special focus on **Lisa Walker's** jewellery.

