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**New Museum Announces Major Exhibition Devoted to Rosemarie Trockel
Opening Fall 2012**

**Presenting Works by Trockel Alongside Objects
That Map Her Artistic Interests**

New York, NY...In October 2012, the New Museum will present “Rosemarie Trockel: A Cosmos.” Organized by Rosemarie Trockel and Lynne Cooke for the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, this exhibition—encompassing all three main gallery floors of the Museum—will present a world shaped by Trockel’s ideas and affinities. The exhibition conjures an **imaginary universe** in which Trockel’s own artwork shares space with objects and artifacts, spanning **different eras and cultures**, that map her artistic interests.

“Rosemarie Trockel: A Cosmos” will be on view at the New Museum from **October 24, 2012–January 20, 2013**. The Museum’s presentation of the exhibition has been curated by Lynne Cooke, former Deputy Director and Chief Curator, Museo Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, in collaboration with Rosemarie Trockel. The New Museum’s presentation has been organized in conjunction with the artist and curator by Massimiliano Gioni, Associate Director and Director of Exhibitions, and Jenny Moore, Associate Curator.

Lisa Phillips, *Toby Devan Lewis Director*, New Museum, said, “Rosemarie Trockel is one of the leading artists of her generation and most respected German artists of the past forty years. It is an extraordinary honor for the New Museum to present “A Cosmos,” which will be the most comprehensive survey of her work in the US to date, and the most significant museum presentation in New York since a show of her video work at Dia Art Foundation more than a decade ago. With this new exhibition, we will be able to offer the general public a rare view into the mind of one of our most important artists, with a presentation that is fresh in its totality.”



Rosemarie Trockel, Park Avenue, 2006/2011. Slide projection. Courtesy Sprueth Magers, Berlin/London, and Gladstone Gallery, New York/Brussels. Private collection.
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Rosemarie Trockel, *Shutter 1 (a)*, 2006. Glazed ceramic, 32 3/4 x 4 3/8 x 2 3/4 in (83 x 62 x 7 cm). Courtesy Sprueth Magers, Berlin/London, and Gladstone Gallery, New York/Brussels. © Rosemarie Trockel / VG Bild-Kunst Bonn, 2011



Since the early 1970s, Rosemarie Trockel has produced an impressive body of work that includes drawing, collage, installation, “knit paintings,” ceramics, videos, furniture, clothing, and books. She brings together a range of associations and references from art history, philosophy, theology, and the natural sciences. For “A Cosmos,” Trockel places her work in the company of others whom she regards as kindred spirits. Installations created for the New Museum illuminate the intellectual and formal connections between her practice and a range of historical figures including self-taught artists James Castle and Morton Bartlett, and the botanist/mathematician José Celestino Mutis. Objects whose impetus was primarily aesthetic will be juxtaposed with pieces that more conventionally belong to the realm of science. Trockel’s roughhewn glazed ceramics from the past several years will be displayed along with Leopold and Rudolph Blaschka’s delicate glass models of sea creatures created in the nineteenth century. A selection of new work

by Trockel can be examined in conjunction with watercolors by the seventeenth-century artist Maria Sybilla Merian, whose impeccably precise yet beautiful renderings of flora and fauna proved invaluable to scientific study.

Trockel’s well-known disregard for the conventional hierarchies in the visual arts, together with her longstanding appreciation of media and materials once categorized as crafts or vernacular art forms, is demonstrated throughout the exhibition. She has adopted a fluid and radical approach to gender, combining activities typically considered feminine in terms of production with aggressive mechanical and industrial forms. This is emphasized through the inclusion of Judith Scott’s obsessively wrapped yarn sculptures alongside Ruth Francken’s plastic and metal assemblages from the 1970s. In addition, Trockel’s celebrated “knit paintings” will be integrated into the exhibition, along with new works made of ceramic.

About the Artist

Rosemarie Trockel was born in 1952 in Schwerte, Germany. She studied at the Kölner Werkschulen in Cologne, Germany. Since 1998, she has been a professor at the Staatliche Kunstakademie Düsseldorf. She lives and works in Cologne. She has been the subject of numerous solo exhibitions at venues including: the Moderna Museet, Stockholm; Dia Center for the Arts, New York; Whitechapel Gallery, London; Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris; and the Kunsthalle Zürich, Switzerland. In 2004, she received the Wolfgang Hahn Prize, resulting in the one-woman exhibition “Post-Menopause” which premiered at the Museum Ludwig in Cologne before traveling to the Museo Nazionale Delle Arti Del XXI Secolo in Rome. Trockel represented Germany at the 1999 Venice Biennale and participated in Documenta X in 1997.

Catalogue

The exhibition is accompanied by a 217-page catalogue, produced by Museo Centro de Arte Reina Sofía and published by the Monacelli Press, featuring essays by Lynne Cooke, Dore Ashton, Suzanne Hudson, and Anne Wagner.

Tour

After its presentation at the New Museum, the exhibition will travel to the Serpentine Gallery, London. The exhibition was first on view at Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía from May 23–September 24, 2012.

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About the New Museum

The New Museum is the only museum in New York City exclusively devoted to contemporary art. Founded in 1977, the New Museum is a center for exhibitions, information, and documentation about living artists from around the world. From its beginnings as a one-room office on Hudson Street to the inauguration of its first freestanding building on the Bowery designed by SANAA in 2007, the New Museum continues to