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Friedman & Vallois is pleased to announce the exhibition "*Mythologies*" by Philippe Brodzki which runs from October 10th through November 23rd, 2013. We will be exhibiting some 30 sculptural works in bronze and ceramic by the celebrated Belgian artist.

Widely acclaimed by international critics, Philippe Brodzki, whose grandmother was department head at the school of the Fine arts of Brussels, was awarded in 1996 the International Contemporary Art Prize of Fondation Prince Pierre of Monaco for his work.

His busts and figures, with distant facial expressions, are typical of his work in ceramics and evoke the aesthetic of Etruscan mythology (see photographs no. 1, 2, 3 and 4). Brodzki celebrates Greek and Roman mythology as he reveals clearly in "*The Abduction of Europa*" (see photograph no. 9).

Brodzki uses the technique of bronze casting, namely the lost wax technique and sophisticated patinations in the manner of ancient classical sculptors. "*I am an archeologist of sculpture, a method of rediscovering a process and a medium which belongs to the past.*" He also places himself in the wake of great sculptors of the XIXth century sculpture and their technique of treating bronze.

In addition his aesthetic and style is often reminiscent of the ancient Chinese art found in Xi'an some years ago.

"*If one of the figures carries a fish they carry the symbol of the cycle of life*" he explains. Indeed, the fish underscores the whole of his work (see photograph no. 7). "*From the first day of life, each evolves in a marine and aquatic world*". He adds "*A poetic way to symbolize the unique character of every person*".

In the end, Philippe Brodzki expresses aspects from a universal mythology.



1/ **BLUE HAT** 2013 / Ceramic / Height $15\frac{7}{16}$ - Diameter $5\frac{7}{8}$ inches / Unique
2/ **RED HAT** 2013 / Ceramic / Height $15\frac{7}{16}$ - Diameter $5\frac{7}{8}$ inches / Unique





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3/ **CAROLINE IN TURBAN** 2012 / Ceramic / $22\frac{3}{4} \times 5\frac{7}{8} \times 6\frac{2}{3}$ / Unique
4/ **TWO BUSTS** 2006 / Ceramic / black figure $17\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{3} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$ inches /
red figure: $15\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{3} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$ inches / Ed. 5/7



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8/ BIRD 1998 / Bronze / $10^{2/3}$ x $6^{1/4}$ x $6^{1/4}$ inches / Unique
9/ THE ABDUCTION OF EUROPA 2000 / Bronze / $49^{1/2}$ x $16^{1/2}$ x $39^{1/3}$ inches / Ed. 2/8

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