

Karel Martens at Team Thursday, September 26th – October 18th, 2019

Rotterdam based graphic design studio Team Thursday is very proud to host a presentation with works by Karel Martens, on the occasion of the reprint of his renowned monograph *Printed Matter*. The artist, graphic designer and tutor (b. 1939) can be characterized as the godfather of contemporary Dutch graphic design. His autonomous work has already gained much attention internationally, with recent solo shows at Platform L in Seoul, P! in New York, Kunstverein Munchen and Design museum in Gent (BE).

At Team Thursday will be a selection of his letterpress monoprints which will be hung in dialogue with an installation - reminiscent of a domestic environment - of wallpaper and a curtain. Team Thursday invited since 2017 artists and designers to make a proposal for a curtain which divides their small studio in an exhibition space in the front and an office in the back.

Martens' monoprint works are a long-standing occupation in his practice. Printed with a bookbinders' press, using ink on found objects with discarded index or catalogue cards, these are an almost daily experiment with colour and form, producing unique compositions that bear Martens' unmistakable visual energy, and continuous motion. These are combined with one of his Clockworks (2005-ongoing), kinetic works that Martens has developed by modifying existing clock mechanisms to power three abstract discs.

In the office there is Martens' reprinted monograph 'Re-Printed Matter' for sale, which was launched a week earlier at the New York Art Book fair. This edition, designed together with Jaap van Triest, is published by Roma Publications and it will be the fourth edition since it was published for the first time in 1996 by Hyphen Press.

The opening will take place on Thursday September 26th from 6 – 10pm at Team Thursday, Gouvernestraat 234, 3014 PX Rotterdam(NL). For members of AGI the studio is open by appointment during the AGI conference days.

The exhibition runs until October 18th, 2019. Team Thursday is open Wednesday-Friday from 12am – 6pm and by appointment. For further information and visuals, please contact Team Thursday (Simone +31626130980) or Karel Martens' gallery Wilfried Lentz: office@wilfriedlentz.com or +31653446524).