A very special thank you......

Forum for Collaborative HIV Research and Artist Lucie Beppler

Launch of Collaboration with Artists Series


The Forum’s work would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of, and the support from, individuals representing the whole spectrum of the HIV community. In fact, the Forum is what it is, and can do what it does, because of the true collaborative nature with which our supporters and members engage in the various projects.

It is difficult to sufficiently honor each individual contribution. But we would like to extend a token of gratitude in the form of a limited edition print of a work by our collaborating artist Lucie Beppler. We take this opportunity – the launch of our Collaboration with Artists Series – to express our deeply felt thanks for your commitment to those that have worked with us on our Executive Committee, taken on leadership roles in our various projects, or supported us financially.

Lucie Beppler immediately and enthusiastically agreed to be our first artistic collaborator. I first met Lucie in June of 2001 -- a few weeks prior to leaving Frankfurt, Germany, to join the Forum in Washington, DC. When I came across her work in the Frankfurt Museum of Modern Art (Museum für Moderne Kunst – MMK) I was immediately struck by the fineness of detail, the manner in which she juxtaposed abstract and reality, myth and nature. When I then discovered that she lived in Frankfurt, I lost no time finding her and arranging for a visit to her studio. We spent 3-4 hours discussing art and life and I had a difficult time restricting myself to choosing two pieces to take with me to Washington. Lucie’s approach has been described as “holistic”; I found her fascination with the natural (from shrubs to neurons) and with the intricate detail of the natural to reflect an almost abstract perception of the whole, taken apart into its smallest components and put back together, resulting in a new vision of completeness. This respect for the multifaceted whole and dignity of the individual facet is a vision that has stuck with me. It is reminiscent of the essence of research. Lucie Beppler speaks our language.

Lucie has become a true friend, and it is an honor to introduce her to the Forum community. She chose this untitled drawing for her donation to the launch of our Collaboration with Artists series.

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