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24 Henry Street
New York

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M 2 3 is pleased to present an exhibition of new work by Vladislav Markov. A sidewalk reception will be held on Friday, 17 July 2020 from 5 to 8 pm. Please note: to protect the health and safety of our artists, staff, visitors, and community, face masks and social distancing are required. In compliance with federal and local safety regulations, four visitors at a time will be permitted inside the exhibition. *Vladislav Markov* will be on view 17 July through 23 August 2020.

/// Perhaps unconsciously, you have touched the raw materials of Vladislav Markov's work; the ethernet cables, duct tape, or splayed innards of an air mattress from which Markov has extracted some element. In breaking apart familiar objects, he is able to reveal and rely on their physical properties, those that our experience with such items otherwise obscures. Together as sculptures, one forgets what these things once did. For, the found objects which Markov employs, fall into one another with such ease, that their gathering has an oddly naturalizing function. It is as if the coaxial cable, tape, and broom holder of *Untitled* (2019) are returned to one another, the *finding*, not an act of discovery but of seeing in one, evidence of a need for the other.

When necessary, Markov creates the things he cannot find in hardware stores or as common industrial objects and their waste. With *Untitled*, 2020, he has produced a series of three bladders, cast in rubber, that draw in and expel air with the aid of a motor. Each rubber organ occupies a distinct region of the exhibition space, but they remain connected through a series of tubes and wires that trace the gallery's pathways. The movement of air produced by the machine is not the silent escape of human breath, but as the motor labors and the rubber expands, one is reminded, that it has never been so hard to breathe. \\

Vladislav Markov (Russian, b. 1993) lives, works in New York City. He holds an MFA from Cornell University (2019), and a BFA from Parsons School of Design (2016). Markov's first solo exhibition *Extra Medium* is now on view at Spazio ORR, (Brescia, Italy) through 18 August 2020. The artist was included in the M 2 3 exhibitions *Seven Artists/Seven Works* (2020), *Brian Dario, Liza Lacroix, Vladislav Markov* (2018); and has been exhibited at Lily Brooke Gallery, London (2017); Project Fabrika, Moscow (2016); and at the Cornell University MFA exhibitions *On High Water*, Safe Gallery, Brooklyn, NY (2019), and *Big Snack*, Signal, Brooklyn, NY (2018). In 2018 and 2019, Markov participated in Harvard University's visiting artists program as guest lecturer. Markov's work has been published in several platforms, including *Artforum*, *The Artnewspaper*, and *Brooklyn Magazine*. Forthcoming exhibitions include a solo presentation at Fragment Gallery, Moscow (2021).

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Opening Reception – Friday, 17 July 2020, 5 – 8 pm
(sidewalk reception)

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