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**Events:**      **REZA NEGARESTANI & FLORIAN HECKER**  
*The Non-Trivial Goat and the Cliffs of the Universal*

**REZA NEGARESTANI**  
*Abducting the Outside: Modernity and The Culture of Acceleration*

**FRANÇOIS LARUELLE**  
*The Degrowth of Philosophy, For a Generic Ecology*

**Book launch of François Laruelle's *From Decision to Heresy:***  
*Experiments in Non-Standard Thought*

**Dates:**      **Thursday, November 15 – Tuesday, November 20, 2012**

**Locations:**   **Abrons' Playhouse, 466 Grand Street, New York, NY**  
**Miguel Abreu Gallery, 36 Orchard Street, New York, NY**

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**Reza Negarestani & Florian Hecker**

*The Non-Trivial Goat and the Cliffs of the Universal:*  
*A Topological Fable on Navigation and Synthesis*

**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM**

**Abrons' Playhouse, 466 Grand Street, New York** (at Pitt Street)

*Presented in collaboration with Issue Project Room & Primary Information*

Reza Negarestani and Florian Hecker come together in a live performance – less a collaboration, than a synthesis between philosophy and sound. In this experimental evening, recalling Artaud's theatre of cruelty as much as Beckett's minimalist narratives, the 'players' mediums will be chimerized through their mutual immersion in the abyss of the universal, and the audience will bear witness to the revelation of their true function in this vast continuum.

***Doors open at 7PM.***

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Lecture by **Reza Negarestani**

*Abducting the Outside: Modernity and The Culture of Acceleration*

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM**

**Miguel Abreu Gallery, 36 Orchard Street, New York**

Reza Negarestani is an Iranian philosopher and novelist. His philosophical works have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, including frequent contributions to *Collapse* (Urbanomic). He is the author of *Cyclonopedia: Complicity with Anonymous Materials*. Urbanomic/Sequence Press will publish his forthcoming book, *The Mortiloquist*, in 2013.

Lecture by **François Laruelle**

*The Degrowth of Philosophy, For a Generic Ecology*

**Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM**

Book launch of

*From Decision to Heresy: Experiments in Non-Standard Thought*

**Miguel Abreu Gallery, 36 Orchard Street, New York**

François Laruelle is one of the most important and subversive, but also least well-known, French philosophers working today. He is the founder of 'non-philosophy' – or what he now calls 'non-standard philosophy' – and is the author of more than twenty books, including *A Biography of the Ordinary Man: Of Authorities and Minorities*; *Theory of Strangers: Science of Men, Democracy, Non-Psychoanalysis*; *The Principles of Non-Philosophy*; *Introduction to Non-Marxism*; *Future Christ: A Lesson in Heresy*; *The Concept of Non-Photography*; *Struggle and Utopia in the Endtimes of Philosophy*; and *Non-Standard Philosophy*.

One of Laruelle's fundamental claims is that all forms of philosophy (from ancient philosophy to analytic philosophy to deconstruction and so on) are structured around a prior decision, but that all forms of philosophy remain constitutively blind to this decision. The 'decision' that Laruelle is concerned with here is the dialectical splitting of the world in order to grasp the world philosophically. Laruelle believes that the decisional structure of philosophy can only be grasped non-philosophically. In this sense, non-standard philosophy is a science of philosophy.

*Seating for each event is limited, and available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

*Doors open at 7PM.*

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**Gallery hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 11:00 AM to 6:30 PM**

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