

LEILA HELLER GALLERY.

Matilde Alessandra

Modern Wonder

Reception: Thursday, March 13th 6 – 8 PM



New York, NY – Leila Heller Gallery is pleased to present *Modern Wonder*, the gallery's first collaboration with New York artist Matilde Alessandra. Two new dynamic light sculptures entitled *Modern Wonder* will be on view, along with one of the artist's most iconic works, *Madame*, from January 15 through March 22, 2014 at the Gallery's 11th Avenue Windows space.

Modern Wonder was created specifically for the windows of Leila Heller Gallery. While the title is self-explanatory, the basis of these works is the visual similarity between the two words and the false impression that they are anagrams mirroring each other – hence the flickering colors, the upside-down W that becomes an M – using the notion that our eyes can trick us, jumping ahead of our minds. *Madame*, an iconic piece from the artist's earlier series, plays with the concept of peeping and voyeuristic pleasure.

Matilde Alessandra lives and works in New York City. Trained at Venice Academy of Fine Arts, she has been working with light since the late 90's and has built a reputation as both an artist and designer. She has exhibited in Milan, New York, Paris, Lyon, Antwerp, Brussels, Oslo, London and, most recently, in Venice for the occasion of the 55th Biennale of Art.

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