

‘Black Rainbow’ by Rui Chafes & Ralf Ziervogel at Carbon 12 Dubai

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Currently on view at Carbon 12 Dubai is *Black Rainbow*, an exhibition by Rui Chafes and Ralf Ziervogel. The exhibition displays Chafes’ matte dark sculptures. At once anthropomorphic and nebulous, they refer to the origin of human existence. Also shown are Ziervogel’s drawings. Refined and delicate, they similarly point to nuanced ideas of life.

Like a dream, *Black Rainbow*, reveals works that are entangled in mimesis - each imitation is a bit more fragile and hostile in its desire to re-attain authenticity.

Rui Chafes was born in Portugal in 1966. His work has appeared in more than 100 worldwide exhibitions including the 55th Venice Biennale, with 20 creations permanently embedded in public grounds across Europe. His work is also present in the permanent collections

of institutions such as S.M.A.K. (Belgium), Museo Reina Sofia (Spain), and Ellipse Foundation (Portugal).

Born in Germany in 1975, Ralf Ziervogel has had 88 exhibitions at leading international institutions, including Contemporary Fine Arts in Germany and at La Maison Rouge in France. His work can be found in the permanent collections of MoMA (USA), Elsworth Kelly Foundation (USA), and Kunstmuseum Bonn (Germany), among others