

Artist Statement

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Douglas Rieger is a sculptor who uses wood, metal, silicone and leather to create works inspired by industrial machinery and the people behind those machines. Drawing inspiration from objects such as motor cases, plumbing valves, electrical fittings, and cabinet hardware, he uses these shapes to build abstracted characters. His work is aggressive and languid, utilitarian and abstract. It has a perversity, and humor giving it a muddy sexuality that blends the body and the mechanism. The works are not meant to fit a logic, they are a dialogue between machine and operator.