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Oleg Dou
Broken Mirror

March 12, 2016 through April 23, 2016
Artist Reception: Saturday, March 12th, from 6:00 to 9:00pm

Deborah Colton Gallery is pleased to present *Broken Mirror*, a solo exhibition of multimedia works by Russian artist, Oleg Dou. This exhibition is the international debut of his newest body of work which, reminiscent of previous collections, explores the notion of exposing the inner self that hides behind our "social masks." Oleg is known for his interest in human individuality and self-expression and attempts to solve the problem of identity in our times. The exhibition will open on Saturday, March 12th, with an artist reception from 6:00-9:00 pm that evening.

In *Broken Mirror*, Oleg Dou reflects on the instability of world order and the clashing of civilizations. Civilizations which are each losing identity or finding alternative identities through the constant breakdown and rebuilding of their structures. Oleg believes these processes directly effect our reality and will create a world where in some ways we will be closer and in other ways further away from our true human nature. Through this exhibition he also explores his own identity and personal journey.

Oleg Dou has won countless International awards and has been exhibited in many major institutions worldwide including the Pingyao International Photography Festival (China), the Seoul Photo Festival (Korea), the FotoFestival Naarden (Netherlands) and the International Photography Awards. His works have exhibited twice at the Kandinsky Prize (2007 and 2008), which is the main contemporary art exhibition award in Moscow. Oleg Dou was also rated number 3 under 30 world wide according to Art Market Insight, in their "30 under 30.. Up and Coming Photographers." His artistic career continues to thrive as his work is consistently placed in prestigious public and private collections throughout the world.

Oleg Dou first exhibited at Deborah Colton Gallery during the 2012 FotoFest Biennial in *Focus on Russia II* and has also been featured by Deborah Colton Gallery at the Dallas Art Fair, the Houston Fine Art Fair and ArtAspen. He has also shown in countries outside of the United States including France, Belgium, Germany, Republic of Korea, China, Spain, Poland and Turkey.

Deborah Colton Gallery is founded on being an innovative showcase for ongoing presentation and promotion of strong historical and visionary contemporary artists worldwide, whose diverse practices include painting, works on paper, sculpture, video, photography, performance, conceptual future media and public space installations. The gallery aspires to provide a forum through connecting Texas, national and international artists to make a positive change.