

BRUNO MUNARI

opening September 20, five to seven p. m. HOWARD WISE GALLERY 50 West 57 Street, New York gallery hours 10 to 5:30 Tuesdays through Saturdays

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1	"Polariscop #10," polarized light, motorized, unique	20" x 20" x 6"
2	"Polariscop #12 and #13," polarized light, not motorized, unique pieces	20" x 20" x 6"
1	"Polariscop #3," polarized light, motorized, unique	12" x 12" x 4"
1	"Tetracono" example #3 iron and aluminum with 4 electric motors	8" x 8" x 8"
2	"Tetracono" examples #6 & #7 iron and aluminum without motors	6" x 6" x 6"
2	"Ora-X" examples 43/50 and 49/50 with clock movement	8" dia.
2	"Strutture continue" elements that may be composed in different ways. One black aluminum, one polished aluminum.	
1	"Acona-Biconbi" example #1/A stainless steel	12" x 30" h.
5	"Variations on the Human Face" drawings on glossy cardboard	28" x 28"
45	"Variations on the Human Face" drawing on paper	12" x 12"
10	"Double Sphere" transparent plastic	6" dia.
2	"Concave-Convex" projections approx.	24" x 30" x 20"

At the opening and the days immediately following, Signor Munari will demonstrate the making of "Xerographs", a new form of unique, original "prints" made in motion.

Xerox #914 courtesy of the Xerox Corp.

The exhibition will continue through October 8, 1966.

HOWARD WISE GALLERY 50 West 57 Street, New York

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"Today" Munari says, "we know that the art of the past, springing from the expression of nature in two or three dimensional images, is not a natural convention. We realize the world is continually transformed by kinetic energy— we need to strive to re-found a true objective visual language, free from any personal element and aesthetic prejudice, a visual language which can naturally and intuitively communicate the dynamic factors determining our new knowledge of the world."

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