

For the Martian Chronicles, L&M Arts, Los Angeles,
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to 8pm**

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Curated by Yael Lipschutz in honor of Bradbury and his journey into the red unknown, the exhibition will include the original manuscript of *The Martian Chronicles*, alongside artists ranging from Yves Klein—whose mysterious blue sponge sculpture from 1958 is as strange and disconcerting as any Mars rock—to Larry Bell, Jonah Freeman & Justin Lowe, Matthew Ritchie, and Vija Celmins, whose exquisite renderings of the cosmos serve to propel the viewer forward through space as we travel with Bradbury on his interstellar mission. Some works directly invoke the Red Planet, such as Ed Ruscha's *Hold on For a Minute, I'm No Martian* (1980), and Tom Sachs'

Phonekey (2012), a large-scale sculptural tableau, in which a lone radio sits silent, stranded atop a scorching Martian terrain.

Cordella (1988-1992), an ethereal blue resin and fiberglass plank by the late John McCracken, (1934-2011) more abstractly suggests Bradbury and the perceptual doors of the mind he opened with his literature. Mars represented not only a stage upon which the writer projected our dreams and fears as a society, but another dimension of thought. Today, as exploration of the fourth planet from the Sun continues, we revisit this philosophic arena. "Myth, seen in mirrors, incapable of being touched, stays on," wrote Bradbury. The exhibition is honored also to include works by the late Michael Asher (1943-2012), Mike Kelley (1954-2012), and Ken Price (1935-2012), as well as Brian Butler, Sarah Cain, Corazon Del Sol, Noah Davis, Liz Deschenes, Thomas Houseago, Lipschutz & Lipschutz, Anthony McCall, Cameron Parsons, Noah Purifoy, Ry Rocklen, Eddie Ruscha, Ben Sakoguchi, Jim Shaw and Marnie Weber. **GALLERY INFORMATION:** L&M Arts, Los Angeles, 660 South Venice Boulevard, Venice, CA, 90291. Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 - 5:30 and by appointment. For additional information, please contact L&M Arts at: [+1.310.821.6400](tel:+13108216400) or visit our website: www.lmgallery.com.