

Michael Mittelman *About Time* September 8 - October 21, 2023

We are pleased to announce *About Time*, a solo exhibition of works by Michael Mittelman. Working as an interdisciplinary artist, Mittelman ties contrasting practices together through a higher concept. From woodworking reclaimed pieces to short stories told over the course of roughly 5 years, this exhibition prompts viewers to consider time in regard to the objects and people in their lives. An Opening Reception will be held Friday, September 8th from 5-8pm.

About Time is a collection of multi-generational pieces. *Maximilian* tells the story of my grandfather and ends with the birth of my son. An antique piano gets a new life as a series of sculptures. An antique door becomes a kind of archeological dig, where carving through the layers reveals its fabrication, its history, and even changes in techniques over the years. Furniture of exceptional quality is called "heirloom," implying it will be passed down for generations. An unknown future awaits these works, will the next generations leave them as they are now or will someone take them apart and transform them?

All the works in this show were born in the digital realm, either in 3D CAD or custom written blog software, where time flows quickly and iteration is fast. To bring them into the physical world took time: from months to years. *About Time* refers to the age of the materials, the aspirational age of the furniture, and the deliberate process of creation. It also reflects my ever-present impatience with seeing a vision finally come to physical reality.

— Michael Mittelman