
bruce brand
stephen paul miller

THE TWO IMPERFECTIONS

Stephen Paul Miller and Bruce Brand have been working collaboratively and independently to produce some of the most interesting works in that region which the Chinese called the three perfections: painting, poetry, and calligraphy. Frank O'Hara and Michael Goldberg are one grand precursor/duo of this form of activity and affinity. Stephen Paul Miller is a quirky poet, in no pejorative sense, because here all seeming strangeness is a way of truly de-automatizing us as the Russian Formalists requested. Brand, whose work often resembles some of the hairy cartoons of Dine, even more participates in a kind of obsessiveness, and fetishistic rumination on fetishes and obsessions. Both of these young men are painters and writers if the too rigid boundaries of these genres are permitted to dissolve. What they produce is a happy marriage. It's important to note that Miller's poetry represents something new (not "post-modern" (that unhappy snark) because it is never newer than when it reminds us of William Burroughs, T. S. Eliot, Wallace Stevens, etc. Brand too is a traditionalist and not a fashionable purveyor of funk or punk. Both of them are trying to be as serious as the great comedians. Here the comedians of modern life have again achieved something irrevocably resolute and satisfying. We might add a last note that to a pluralist "perfection" is an imperfect concept. Therefore we call painting and poetry the two imperfections and we live them. These happy imperfections might be dedicated to John Cage.

David Shapiro

Language Learning for the Deaf of France

"Why not" it is answered,

my country, the countrymen of
John, George, Victor.

"Because you have to pass out,"
says John.

"Look at those things," says Victor.

"No, look here."

"All my life I've tried to find

peace, I always find

peace, I always find

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