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Pissing in the Windy City

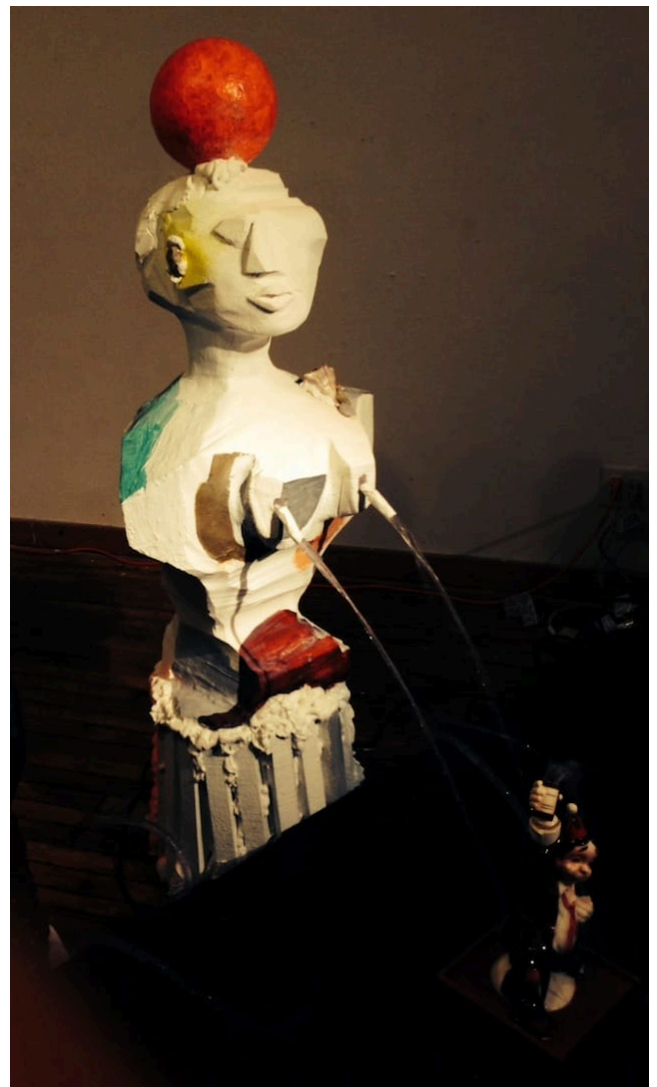
CHICAGO — Little boys don't piss in rivers. They pee in picturesque ways and all look like the “Manneken Pis,” a small bronze fountain sculpture of a little boy peeing forever into the fountain's basin. On view in Brussels since it was erected by Hiëronynus Duseuesnoy the Elder in 1618-ish, this scu



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Sabina Ott and Michelle Wasson's sculpture carved from styrofoam (a material Ott works with frequently) spouts water from two square nipples. There's nothing maternal at all about this bodily leakage, leaving one to wonder what the drips might mean. Edra Soto's large black seashell pours water from its tip, and in the same pool, Paul Mack's ceramic pink sculpture looks like a chopped-up heart and small intestines spouting water haphazardly. Bert Stabler's abject horse-person hybrid bust with slimed-on black hair and a bald top appears to have a feeding tube shoved up its nose — about as far from that plump little Belgian kid as it gets. Appropriately, it's positioned next to a sculpture of Jesus pissing right after being plucked from a nativity scene.



Sabina Ott and Michelle Wasson's piece