

Echoes of Beauty: In Memory of Pleshette DeArmitt

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Abstract

There is a special poignancy to the fact that Pleshette DeArmitt's essay "Sarah Kofman's Art of Transience" foregrounds Freud's essay "On Transience," in which he muses on the fact that beauty seems inextricably linked to a fleeting existence. As DeArmitt writes, "beauty, even in full flowering, brings about its own demise, causing what Freud describes as 'a foretaste of mourning.'" Such a transience, in her view, increases rather than decreases the worth of all that is beautiful. In her essay, DeArmitt argues that her 1985 text *Mélancolie de l'Art* reinscribes Freud's text, but brings it into the present by pointing to contemporary art as the occasion for the opening up of a new space, one capable of "dislocat[ing] the logic of representation and meaning" and "invent[ing] a space of indeterminacy and play." Through the opening up of a fixed reference or meaning and opening up a place for indeterminacy and play, contemporary art acknowledges and celebrates, rather than regrets, the transience of beauty.

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Art; Kofman; Derrida; Rousseau; Transference; Narcissism

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