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Opening Reception: Tuesday, March 6 2012, 6 to 8PM  
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*Lower Level Gallery*

**Jimmie Durham**

## **Maquette for a Museum of Switzerland**

The work of Native American artist Jimmie Durham (b.1940, lives in Rome, Italy) is manifold—as poet, former activist, essayist, and sculptor he deftly mines the fields of art and political reality, infiltrating culture industries in ways that are both ironic and ambivalent. The contemporary work of Durham plays upon the construction and build up of a “postmodern savage.” Durham’s *Maquette for a Museum of Switzerland* is an institutional-like setting questioning national clichés and symbols and containing objects, masks, photos as well as texts by the artist.

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