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Air cube +

a global perspective

June 19 - August 28, 2009

Reception: August 1, 6-8pm

The Richard Levy Gallery is pleased to present our inaugural LAND/ART show, *Air Cube+*, *a global perspective*. Selected from hundreds of proposals from around the world this exhibition showcases the art of six contemporary environmental artists including: Lisa K. Blatt, San Francisco, Ben Delevoye, Paris, Nicole Dextras, Vancouver, Diagram, Stockholm, Katie Holten, New York and Christine Weir, Los Angeles. This exhibition focuses on the transient relationship between nature and man. Each artist explores, manipulates, and records the environment in very diverse ways. Lisa K. Blatt investigates the subtle beauty of a sprawling, uninhabited landscape, in her *White Sands* video, compared to Katie Holten's *Old News (Ghost Forrest)*, charred dead trees comprise solely from wire, newspaper and ink question the very notion of what it means to be 'natural'. Christine Weir's graphite drawings illuminate bodies of water in New Mexico as seen from Google Earth, while Ben Delevoye's *Air Cube* showcases the element that sustains us all. These artists celebrate all aspects of the land while also pointing out the fragility of it.

Nicole Dextras' photographs of fabric encased in ice create delicate, captivating, and beautiful images that highlight transient coexistence between man and the natural world. Diagram's miniature model landscape, *Hurry*, on the other hand, depicts human impact on the environment with an impending sense of doom. *Air Cube +, a global perspective* exemplifies a new wave of artists who are finding innovative, conceptual ways to address the fleeting landscape around us.

Project Room

In the project room will be a solo exhibition of landscapes by Matthew McConville. Painted in the Hudson River School style, McConville's *Earthworks*, refer to contemporary land art. These paintings, steeped with social critique and art historical reference, are cleverly constructed and beautifully rendered.

Images for this exhibition can be found on our website: www.levygallery.com.

Reception: Saturday, August 1, 6-8pm

Dates: June 19 – August 28, 2009

Gallery Hours: Tues. - Sat., 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Monday by appointment only

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