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Groundwork

31 May - 28 June, 2008

Reception on Saturday, 31 May, from 6-9 PM

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David Patton Los Angeles is pleased to present "Groundwork", a group exhibition featuring the work of Mai Braun, Rupert Deese, Barry Frantz, Jeff Jamieson and Dave Prochaska. The show is curated by Jeff Jamieson.

The title "Groundwork" was chosen by Jamieson in as much of a response to the work by these artists as it was a starting off point, or suggestion of approach, for a piece of new work. Most, but not all, of the work in the exhibition sits on the gallery floor. Mai Braun's sculptures are created from cardboard boxes that have been modified and transformed. These rest on the floor. Rupert Deese's small paintings are based on the drainage and runoff of Milly's Pass, which, at 12,240' in elevation, is a cross country route across the Kings-Kern Divide in the Sierra mountains of California. It connects the head waters of the Kern to Lake Reflection. These paintings are built with plywood triangles that follow the elevations within the paintings. Deese's work is painted with oil and is not on the ground, it is about it. Barry Frantz sculptures combine man-made patterns (bricks) and natural forms (sticks). This work is on the floor but touches the wall as well. Jeff Jamieson's larger scale, hollow, wooden, "snowman" sculpture moves from the wall down to the floor as it grows in size. Dave Prochaska's Hydra-cal/plaster pieces are of human internal organs. They are painted with wash and ink and will be on the floor as well as a wall.

In addition to the visual work, the reception for the artists will feature several short performances by Jameson Swanagon, a guitarist based in Los Angeles, that will be held throughout the evening.

Mai Braun lives and works in Frankfurt, Germany. She will be part of a group exhibition, "Shit", at Feature in NYC this year and has presented solo shows at Brooklyn Fire Proof, Inc and the Chinati Foundation in Marfa, Texas. Rupert Deese lives and works in the Bronx, NY and had his third solo show at Nancy Hoffman in 2007. Barry Frantz lives and works in San Luis Obispo and is a retired head of the Art Department at Cuesta College. Jeff Jamieson lives and works in SLO and will have his second solo show at David Patton Los Angeles in the Fall of 2008. Dave Prochaska lives in SLO and teaches in the art department at Cuesta College.

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