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Kathleen Johnson  
Mont Blanc and other mountains of madness  
Sept. 8th – Oct. 7th, 2006  
Opening: Friday, September 8th, 7-10pm

Friends,

Join us Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, as David Patton Los Angeles, a home for vigorous contemporary art located in the Highland Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, launches our third exhibition, ignites our first solo show, and submerges into what will be our premier art season with the presentation of “Mont Blanc and other mountains of madness” by Los Angeles artist Kathleen Johnson.

Johnson's work investigates fantastic landscapes, both real and imagined, based on the miraculous yet overlooked spaces of everyday life. From architectural collaborations to her investigation of landscapes that are preparing the willing for the first manned mission to Mars, the artist's projects explore realms that easily straddle the plausible and the incredible. Her work is a hallucinatory vision of what might be present in the most ordinary of spaces.

Awakening us to the wondrous properties of these quotidian worlds, Johnson's ongoing Pools photographic series imagines a lost Atlantis architecture in which Lovecraftian ice mountains emerge from the floor of the common and unsuspecting Southern Californian back yard swimming pool. Replacing the pool steps and creating its own scale, perspective and geometry, the large-scale *Mont Blanc* at David Patton Los Angeles captures the new hybrid sculptural form at a distinct time signature in its formation, revealing subtle changes in light and surface pattern.

Paired with a fragile sister sculpture of elemental wonder, which will be on display during the opening on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> only, the show will be a fitting tribute to summer's end.

Johnson received a BFA from Otis Art Institute and an MFA from the University of Southern California. Recent projects include a solo exhibition at Lucas Schoormans Gallery, NY; *The Minded Swarm* at Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions; and a multi-year project with Taalman Koch Architecture for High Desert Test Sites. Upcoming projects include a photographic landscape survey based on her 2004 residency at the Mars Desert Research Station, a Mars analog site in Southern Utah.

We'll see you then!

Location and directions and such:

David Patton Los Angeles is located on York Blvd., a chip-shot east of Avenue 50 on the south side of the street.

Google Map:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=5006+york+Blvd,+Los+Angeles,+CA+90042&om=1>

According to our friends at Google we are a scant 10 minutes jaunt from Chinatown.

A map from Chinatown to Highland Park can be found here:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?daddr=5006+York+Blvd,+Los+Angeles,+CA+90042&saddr=chung+king+road,+los+angeles&f=li&hl=en&ie=UTF8&z=13&om=1>

Depending on how your evening turns out, know that The Wild Hare, where we'll be after 10pm, is two doors down from the gallery. They run a full bar and the kitchen, which serves good pub food, typically stays open late. Handy.

The gallery is open Thursday through Saturday, from 12-6pm as well as by appointment.

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