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**HVCCA to present gallery talk with artists  
RICHARD DUPONT and GRIMANESA AMORÓS**

**Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 4:00pm**

Peekskill NY — The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art will host a gallery talk on Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 4:00pm with artists **Richard Dupont** and **Grimanesa Amorós**, whose installations are on view at HVCCA through January 18<sup>th</sup> 2009. The gallery talks will be moderated by HVCCA President/Acting Director Dr. Livia Straus. This event is free with museum admission and is open to the public.

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**RICHARD DUPONT: BETWEEN STATIONS – Sculptural Installation**

**(September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009)**



**ABOUT THE EXHIBITION –**

Dupont's new installation "**Between Stations**" at HVCCA consists of two new large scale figurative sculptures situated contextually within the space of the museum, and intended to engage the viewer in a "conversation" that is both spatial and philosophical. Originating from a laser scan of Dupont's own body, these doppelgangers have been distorted using digital technology before being cast in resin and hand finished. Standing just over life size and occupying ambulatory space, these static "performers" reveal themselves differently from various vantage points, alternatively massive and dematerializing, engaging the movement of the viewer. Raising philosophical questions about the humanist tradition in the age of body mapping and surveillance, the works are also self reflexive meditations on sculptural forms from the ancient past to the distant future.

**ABOUT THE ARTIST** - Richard Dupont's works have been acquired by numerous public and private collections including the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art and the New York Public Library. He recently presented a major public art project at Lever House in New York City. The installation at Lever House and the artist's work of the past five years are the subjects of a new monograph published by Charta and to be released this Fall. In addition, Dupont will be exhibiting a new installation at Carolina Nitsch Project Room in NYC, in November. Born, lives and works in New York City. Dupont studied at Princeton University (1987 – 1991).

**GRIMANESA AMORÓS: ROOTLESS ALGAS - Multimedia Installation**

**(September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009)**



**ABOUT THE EXHIBITION** - "Rootless Algas" is an installation which explores Amorós' experience on the remote island of Flatey in Breidafjordur Bay, off the coast of Iceland. Her intent was to capture the essence of the surrounding area and the awe and isolation which she felt. The rocks on the shores of Flatey were covered with thick accumulations of a type of algae that she had never seen before. They hold on to each other like refugees, to facilitate ocean travel. Her fascination with the algae increased as she identified with them.

**ABOUT THE ARTIST** - Grimanesa Amorós is an interdisciplinary artist with interests in social history, scientific research and critical theory. She often makes use of sculpture, video, lighting and sound to create works that illuminate our notions of personal identity and community. Amorós utilizes her art as an agent for empowerment to involve viewers from all different backgrounds and communities. Born in Lima, lives and works in New York City and Peru. Amorós studied at The Art Students League (1984–1988) and Private Ateliers in Lima, Peru (1981–1983).

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The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art opened to the public in June 2004. Founded by the Marc and Livia Straus family, the not-for-profit center is dedicated to the development and presentation of new art, exhibits and interdisciplinary programs that enrich our understanding of contemporary art, its contexts, and its relationships to societal issues. The Center is committed to the enrichment of Peekskill, a multicultural community, that has recreated itself as a major center for art and culture. For more information please contact: Dr. Livia Straus, President / Acting Director 914.788.0100, liviastraus@hotmail.com.