

HUDSON VALLEY CENTER for CONTEMPORARY ART

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Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art
presents

Size Matters

A two-part exhibition investigating scale in contemporary painting

Part I

Size Matters: XS – recent small-scale paintings

June 9 – November 10 2007

Part II

Size Matters: XXL – recent large-scale paintings

Fall 2007 – Spring 2008

(Peekskill, NY) ... The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art presents ***Size Matters: XS – recent small-scale paintings***, the first of a two-part exhibition investigating issues of scale in contemporary painting featuring many of today's established and emerging artists. From the monumental to the miniature, a painting's dimensions are crucial to its context and success – whether it is a massive wall mural commissioned for a specific architectural space or a small religious icon used for devotional purposes.

Size Matters: XS – recent small-scale paintings opens in the mezzanine gallery on Saturday June 9, 2007 and the public is invited to attend the artist reception from 5-7 pm. This exhibition runs through November 10, 2007.

For the first installment of ***Size Matters***, the HVCCA brings together a diverse group of international artists for whom working in minute proportions is an integral part of their practice. Abstraction, figuration, photo-realism, and caricature are just a few of the art historical genres being examined by artists in the exhibition. With an average size of approximately ten inches square, these paintings attest to the fact that many artists are producing complex and unconventional statements that are enhanced rather than restricted by the tight confines of the picture plane. The exhibition features works produced within the last five years by:

Thordis Adalsteinsdottir, Justin Allen, Francis Alijs, Hernan Bas, Amy Bennett, Michaël Borremans, Skyler Brickley, Guillermo Caivano, Ross Chisholm, Nigel Cooke, William Daniels, Paul Doran, Tim Eitel, Adrian Ghenie, Trenton Doyle Hancock, Aaron Johnson, Charles Karubian, Tala Madani, Alex Pollard, Ulf Puder, Clare Rojas, Ridley Howard, Andrew Sendor, Anj Smith, Mathew Weir.

Size Matters: XXL – recent large-scale paintings opens in the main gallery during the Fall of 2007 and runs through the Spring of 2008.

In a stark juxtaposition to ***Size Matters: XS***, the HVCCA concludes its investigation of issues of scale in contemporary painting with an exhibition of monumental works by some of today's most influential artists, such as Jonathan Meese, Toba Khedoori, Tim Eitel, Carroll Dunham, Neo Rauch, Anton Henning, Christoph Ruckhaberle, Uwe Kowski and Janis Avotins. ***Size Matters:***

XXL presents work in which scale plays an essential role in achieving the goals of the artist. By occupying nearly the entire visual field of the viewer, these paintings demand absorbed attention.

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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. HVCCA operates a 12,000 square foot exhibition space in Peekskill and is the primary sponsor of the Peekskill Project, an annual, city-wide exhibition of site-specific artwork. We are open Saturdays from 12 noon - 6pm and by appointment. Group tours are available by appointment throughout the year. Admission: \$5.00 adult; \$1.00 student; Members free. For more information on exhibits and programs, please visit www.hvcca.com, e-mail info@hvcca.com or call 914-788-0100.

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