

MARIANNE BOESKY GALLERY

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Pentti Monkkonen / JP Munro
Project Space
November 21 – December 13, 2008
Opening reception November 20, 2008 6 – 8 pm

Marianne Boesky Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of new work by Pentti Monkkonen and JP Munro in the project space.

JP Munro and Pentti Monkkonen both share an interest in appropriating forms and imagery from a classical art. By reenacting elements from classical art they can partially step out of the situation of contemporary art into personal interpretations outmoded tropes; the battle scene, the herm. By stepping into these forms they gain perspective on the situation of contemporary painting and sculpture, what has changed and what hasn't. Their idiosyncratic use of elements of classical art lead more into abstraction than allegory. They find the formalism of the classical and its mystical revelations. Despite making an in depth look backward they cannot help to be in dialogue with their own age."

Both Pentti Monkkonen and JP Munro live and work in Los Angeles. Monkkonen's work has been exhibited at the Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, 2007 and at the Armand Hammer Museum of Art and Cultural Center, UCLA, Los Angeles, 2000. Munro was included in the *Whitney Biennial 2006: Day for Night*, New York, and exhibited at the ICA, London, 2004.

Marianne Boesky Gallery is located at 509 West 24th Street, between 10th and 11th Avenues. Our hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 6pm. For further information or images, please contact Annie Rana at 212.680.9889 or annie@marianneboeskygallery.com.