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COMMUNE

Curated by Dominique Nahas

May 21 - June 27, 2009

Opening Reception:
Thursday, May 21, 2009, 6-8pm

BLACK & WHITE GALLERY is pleased to host COMMUNE – group exhibition organized by the independent curator and critic Dominique Nahas.

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brings together twenty four nationally and internationally recognized artists whose diverse and surprising works examine networks of forces brought to bear by exchange through the social bond, be it through family, fellowship of friends, lovers, school affiliations, secular and religious organizations, class structures, collectives, and nations.

Noriko Ambe, Erik Benson, Brian Bress, Osvaldo Budet, Carolina Caycedo, Jared Clark, Blane De St. Croix, Dana Farcas, Caoimhghin O Fraithile, Charley Friedman, Chitra Ganesh, Oded Hirsch, Hidenori Ishii, Steve Keister, Julia Kunin, Oliver Lutz, Julian Montague, Maurizio Pellegrin, John Powers, Michael Rees, Peter Rostovsky, Julianne Swartz, Jacques Louis Vidal, Roberto Visani

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assembles works that, in keeping with the dual aspect of this word, address an intensified sensation of being unified with one's surroundings as expressed by artists in subtle and unpredictable ways. The term *COMMUNE* creates a manifold site of relations that pertains to shared experiences in places of congregation, architectural notations, technological networks, geopolitical parameters, social engineering, as well as to the subject of an enhanced experience with one's immediate surroundings. As a noun *A COMMUNE* invokes a gathering of people, closely knit. The verb *TO COMMUNE* insinuates the taking-in of one's surroundings in an intensified way, invoking suggestions of a sublime experience with nature.

"I've established deep personal and professional bonds with each artist in COMMUNE. They are my friends. Organizing this summer show at Black & White Gallery for me has been akin to the creating of a fantasy island. On this island distinct artworks co-exist in mutuality, as visions of possibilities and impossibilities are marooned, fated to converse, to sing and laugh together, endlessly, communally."

Dominique Nahas, New York, April, 2009.

*Image: Chitra Ganesh, Her Shimmering Pulse, 2008, Digital collage, 66 1/4 x 50 inches
Images of works in the show are available @ www.blackandwhiteartgallery.com/commune.html*

Black and White Gallery is located at 636 West 28th Street, Ground Floor, New York, NY 10001.
Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11am - 6 pm.