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ART ISN'T EASY

recent works by

Matthew Higgs

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Opening Friday January 17, 6-8pm

Murray Guy is pleased to announce Matthew Higgs' second solo exhibition for the gallery.

As with his previous exhibition for the gallery, "Art Isn't Easy" will consist, mainly, of examples of Higgs' signature book-page pieces, which he sometimes thinks of as 'found' conceptual art. Made from the title pages of second-hand books sourced in antiquarian bookstores and, more recently, via the internet, Higgs' works are decidedly and unapologetically straightforward.

The exhibition will include the following works: "Bad Art", "Art Isn't Easy", "Art For Art's Sake", "I Married An Artist", "Anyone Can Paint!", "Collector's Choice", "Art For All", "Art and Language", "Not Worth Reading", "Upside Down", "Straight", "Ink On Paper", "Queer Thing Painting", "Back To The Wall", "Art Is My Life", "Nothing", "Art For Children", "Hidden Art" (which will be hidden from public view), "Total Despair" (using the entire novel *Despair* by Vladimir Nabokov) and an out of focus photograph of a book called "Out Of Focus".

Matthew Higgs is an artist, writer and curator who lives and works in California, where he is currently the Curator at the CCAC Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts, San Francisco. He is also an Associate Director of Exhibitions at the ICA, London. A regular contributor to Artforum, Higgs has recently contributed to exhibition catalogs for Rodney Graham (Whitechapel Art Gallery, London) and Dave Muller (Bard College and the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles). His second solo show for the Anthony Wilkinson Gallery in London opened in December, 2002.

For further information please contact the gallery at 212-463 7372.

Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 6pm..