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MATTHEW HIGGS

What goes around comes around.

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Opening Reception April 1st, 6-8pm

Murray Guy is pleased to present its third solo exhibition of work by Matthew Higgs. Higgs' work - which invariably takes the form of framed book pages, framed exhibition catalog covers and photographs of books – might productively be thought of as 'found conceptual art'.

For more than 12 years Higgs has worked within these self-consciously defined - but almost infinite - parameters. Rooted in countless hours spent in second-hand bookshops Higgs' re-contextualization of existing printed matter seeks to consider questions of authorship, uniqueness, labor (or lack thereof), vandalism, linguistics, typography, design (and its relationship with late-modernist abstraction), amongst other things.

Often making direct reference to the condition - and reception - of art Higgs' ongoing project formally acknowledges the presence and role of the viewer, while simultaneously addressing the physical reality of the art object.

Matthew Higgs (b.1964 Wakefield, England) has exhibited internationally since 1992. His work was most recently included in the exhibitions 'Small: The Object in Film, Video, and Slide Installation', Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; and 'Rub Out The Word', D.U.M.B.O. Arts Center, New York (both 2005). Higgs is a widely published writer and a regular contributor to Artforum magazine: recent - and forthcoming - texts include contributions to publications for Richard Kern, Christian Marclay, John McCracken, Marilyn Minter, Oliver Payne & Nick Relph, Elizabeth Peyton, Kay Rosen, amongst others. As a curator he has organized more than 150 exhibitions and projects in Europe, the United States, and Canada. Since November 2004 he has been the director and chief curator of White Columns, New York, where he has organized more than 30 individual exhibitions and projects. (www.whitecolumns.org)

Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 6 pm. For more information please contact the gallery at 212-463 7372 or info@murrayguy.com.