

For Immediate Release:

Maria Marshall

Playground

13 September through 12 October 2002

Team will present a solo exhibition of two new video works by the London-based artist Maria Marshall. Entitled *Playground*, the show will run from 13 September through 12 October 2002. The gallery is located at 527 West 26th Street, between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues, on the ground floor.

Maria Marshall's latest show takes its title, *Playground*, from the dynamic projection that occupies its main gallery space. It's the kind of complexly rendered video that she's become most associated with. In the back gallery a second work, entitled *I Luv You Mummy, I Hate You*, stands as its opposite, an elementary piece that mesmerizes through its very simplicity. Both works have been structured to be exhibited as endless loops.

Playground centers on a teenaged boy repeatedly kicking a soccer ball against the side of small church. It was shot on 35mm film which was then transferred for extensive digital post-production. During this phase, the ball was erased from the image. Its shadow remains, while its thudding sounds still pepper the soundtrack. The result is that the boy's play is transformed into something else: a dance of aggression whose purpose remains enigmatic.

I Luv You Mummy, I Hate You was originally shot in 16mm and is the briefest of loops. In it we see two small boys, lazily kicking back-and-forth in a hammock. The image is idyllic, but laid on top of it — as the children (the artist's own) swing towards us, then retreat — is a voiceover wherein we hear one of the boy's endlessly repeating "I love you Mummy, I hate you".

Since her debut at Team in 1998, Marshall's work has been shown repeatedly in museums and galleries throughout the world. In Geneva, Paris, Prague, Los Angeles, Brussels, London, San Francisco, Berlin, Zurich, Istanbul, and numerous other cities, Marshall's videos have consistently been met with enthusiasm. Her work has been the subject of several museum survey shows — in Germany, Sweden, England and France.

This is the Bombay-born artist's fourth one-person show at Team.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 6pm. For further information and/or photographs please call the gallery at 212.279.9219.