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ACK Peter Robinson

16 September – 28 October 2006

Peter Robinson's work is historically known for its critical exploration on issues of identity and ethnicity. Originally trained as a sculptor, Robinson's work expands beyond sculpture into drawing, painting and other media. In the 1990's Robinson's work used traditional Maori patterns and design elements as a starting point to consciously respond to eminent politics of the time. With an air of irony, he questioned biculturalism with a visual language that was direct, often aggressively pointed yet removed.

Living and working overseas in the late 1990's, early 2000's, Robinson's work held a sense of exile engendered by being separated from one's own culture and language. Now based in Auckland, Robinson's recent work has shifted from this rhetoric to viscerally celebrate material and form as a way to reflect on the situation of our time.

ACK, Peter Robinson's first solo exhibition of new work in a public gallery since *bi-polar* at the 49th Venice Biennale in 2001, playfully utilises the gallery space and tests its limits. It seems that Robinson is now quite at home. This new work reanimates and reintroduces motifs, which speak more to a sculptural and intuitive engagement with material rather than polemics.

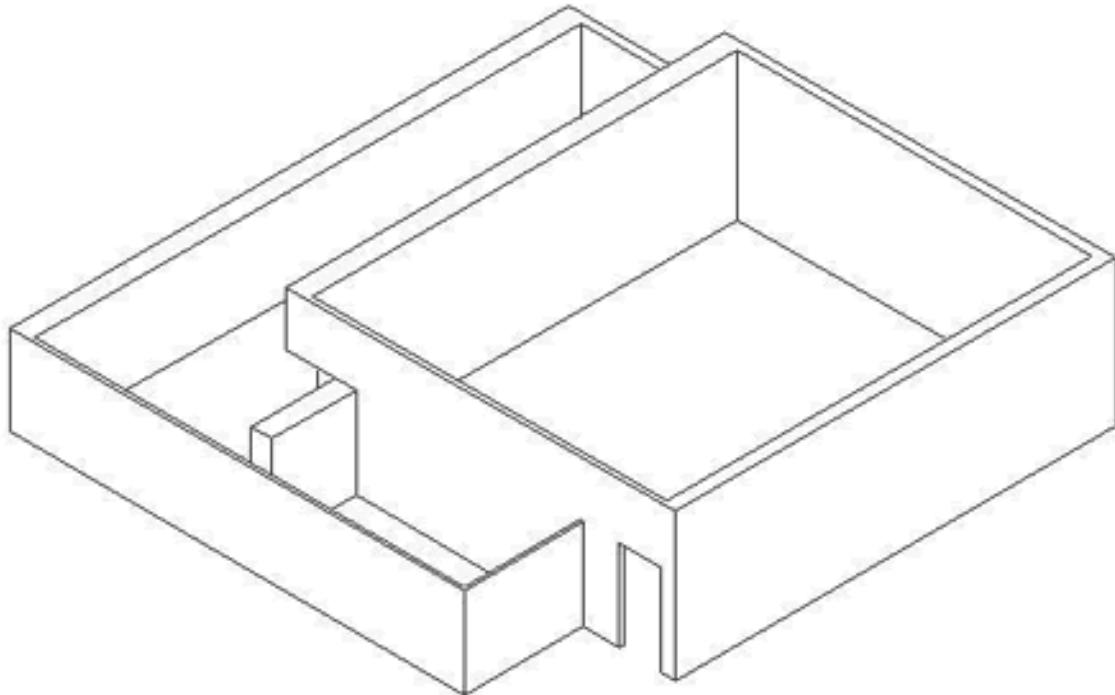
Peter Robinson, born 1966 in Ashburton, lives and works in Auckland. Major and recent exhibitions include: 'The Humours' – Walters Prize, Auckland Art Gallery, 2006; 'The Humours', Dunedin Public Art Gallery, 2005; 'Three Colours' (with Gordon Bennett) at Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne and the Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia, 2004-2005; 'bi-polar', 49th Venice Biennale, Italy, 2001; 'Divine Comedy', Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, 2001; 'Superman in Bed – Collection Schürmann Kunst der Gegenwart und Fotografie', Museum am Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany, 2001.

Discussions every Saturday at 3pm during the exhibition

16 September	Jim Barr and Mary Barr
23 September	Peter Madden
30 September	Wystan Curnow
7 October	Simon Ingram and Nicholas Spratt
14 October	Meg Cranston
21 October	Leigh Martin
28 October	Brian Butler and Peter Robinson

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- 1. Main Gallery**
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- 2. Long Gallery**
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- 3. Small Gallery**
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