***Fritz Haeg: Dome Colony X in the San Gabriels***

Opening Reception: July 9, 6-9 pm
Opening time: July 9 – September 19, 2009

X presents ***Dome Colony X in the San Gabriels*****,** an interactive installation located on the ground floor of the X building. The installation, which covers nearly 8,000 Sq feet of exhibition space, invites visitors to become active participants within a "mountain colony" comprised of intimate dome tents that have been arranged around a centrally placed circular stage. A continuous graphically painted silhouette of Los Angeles' San Gabriel Mountains covers the walls and is mirrored in a custom designed seating system installed throughout the entire space. These two key interventions act to visually connect all of the independent spaces on the ground floor of X, namely the **EAI Video Project Space** and **ARTBOOK@X**.

The dome tents, surrounded by the abstracted mountainous landscape painting, function as gathering and meeting spaces, with the central stage serving as an epicenter for events and screenings. The colony will start with four dome tents, all inspired by the wigwam originally made by the Lenape people in lower Manhattan. All of the dome tents have been outfitted to be comfortable, cozy and welcoming, with each dome working towards establishing it's own independent schedule of events. During breaks in programming, *Dome Colony X in the San Gabriels* will be available for lounging, reading and other informal gatherings.

**About X Initiative**
X is a not-for-profit initiative of the global contemporary art community that will exist for one year and present exhibitions in four phases. Advised by a 50+ advisory board com-prised of artists, curators, museum professionals, gallerists, collectors, art historians and critics, X is reaching across traditional boundaries to form a consortium interested in responding quickly to the major philosophical and economic shifts impacting culture. X will feature durational artist interventions, site-specific projects, historical in-depth exhibitions, one-night performances, lectures and weekly events. Questions posed in the form of programming will address relevant and pressing issues pertaining to the changing landscape of contemporary art.

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