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**OLDENBURG SCULPTURE TO BE PERMANENTLY INSTALLED ON THE FAÇADE OF
MARGO LEAVIN GALLERY**

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Margo Leavin Gallery is pleased to announce the permanent installation of Claes Oldenburg's work, *Knife Slicing Through Wall* at its 817 North Hilldale Avenue gallery. The six by twelve foot stainless steel blade cuts through the façade of the gallery building, dividing and peeling away its outer wall.

The knife image was featured as both a character and a prop in *The Course of the Knife*, a performance that took place throughout the streets and canals of Venice, Italy. The production was a collaboration between Oldenburg, his wife Coosje van Bruggen and Los Angeles architect Frank Gehry. Margo Leavin Gallery has previously exhibited work from the performance, and MOCA's monumental *Knife Ship* has been seen at California Plaza.

The artist has said, "In our thinking, the Slicing Knife was an architectural form creator, a device to arrive at a new kind of building design. In the sculpture, the Knife is frozen in time as it sinks into a typical example of the pastry construction of Los Angeles."

The Margo Leavin Gallery is located at 812 North Robertson Boulevard and 817 North Hilldale Avenue in Los Angeles. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday through Saturday.
