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Tony Oursler

Spaced

at Margo Leavin Gallery

14 September - 14 October 2006

Margo Leavin Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of new work by **Tony Oursler**. The exhibition will feature new sculptural work incorporating video projection and sound, and will be on view from 14 September through 14 October.

The artist has chosen the highly technical and abstract history of space exploration as a loose structure of inspiration to produce introspective works that mix video and shaped objects, poetic texts and actual music gleaned from the recordings of deep space by NASA. Hi-resolution computer manipulations are used to mix human features with elemental forms such as stars, fire, and liquid, adding new levels of visual complexity to the work. This creates an overall installation using the gallery floor as a symbolic earth and the room volumes as outer space or free space. While parts of the installation fall victim to gravity, others take the form of celestial bodies, smoldering stars, or space dust on the edge of black holes; outer space becomes a personal reflection on the human desire to leave one form of consciousness for another. This idea reflects a universal drive to transcend the mundane aspects of human nature that can manifest itself in many forms of experimentation often ending in futile attempts at personal evolution.

Spaced will feature performances by Tracy Leipold, Tony Conrad, Constance DeJong, and Tony Oursler.

Tony Oursler's recent monographic exhibitions include Metro Pictures, New York; the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Nyehaus, New York; the Sydney Festival, Sydney, Australia; and the Jeu de Paume, Paris, France. He recently collaborated with Dan Graham on a multimedia project entitled *Don't Trust Anyone Over Thirty*, with performances at the Hammer, Los Angeles as well as the 2006 Whitney Biennial, New York. Other group projects include *Perfect Partner* with Sonic Youth's Kim Gordon and Phil Morrison, produced by the Barbican Center, London, England, with performances throughout Europe. This will be the artist's fourth exhibition with the Margo Leavin Gallery.

Margo Leavin Gallery is located at 812 North Robertson Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

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