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Zbigniew Rogalski/Michal Budny SHOT
February 2 – March 1, 2008
Opening reception: Saturday, February 2nd, 6-9pm



The Jack Hanley Gallery, San Francisco, is pleased to present an exhibition of the work of Polish artists Zbigniew Rogalski and Michal Budny, titled *SHOT*. Both 389 and 395 Valencia will include collaborative installations by the two artists.

SHOT is a collaborative installation of two artists - a sculptor and a painter - and it is played out on several levels: objects prepared by Michal Budny are models for a painting by Zbigniew Rogalski. The painting finds its spacial sense as a "projection" of yet another sculpture of Budny, that of a movie projector. The painting and sculpture narration intertwine and supplement each other, where a game of two illusions of spatial form, and the fact that using such simple materials as cardboards additionally emphasizes the conventionality of the entire situation. The SHOT is a "still frame" recreated in space and real time. It is an attempt at challenging the phenomena of a movie illusion and non-material tension it builds in space simultaneously with the physical movie space - the experience of emptiness stretching between the lens of the projector and the flat surface of the movie screen.

Michal Budny creates sophisticated, meticulous, reconstructions of objects and shapes taken from the everyday, contemporary environment. His sculptures, although composed of the tangible, strive to imitate phenomena which do not have a specific physical form, such as voice, rain or fog.

Zbigniew Rogalski's paintings effectively oscillate between the photo-realist and the unrestrained painter's imagination. He strives to paint a specific, modern experience of the world: flickering, fleeting and constantly less and less obvious.

Both artists live and work in Warsaw, Poland and have exhibited widely throughout Europe. This will be their first show in the U.S.

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