

Nic Nicosia

DRAWING

Opening Reception: Friday, March 21, 2008, 5:00-7:00 pm
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Nic Nicosia. *Untitled #14*, 2007. Archival ink jet on Somerset watercolor paper, 33 x 48 inches, edition of 7.

James Kelly Contemporary is pleased to announce a solo exhibition of Nic Nicosia's new work; this will be his second show at the gallery. Nic Nicosia has primarily been associated with staged photographs of domestic scenes from suburban middle America. However, with his new series of work Nicosia has combined the practices of drawing and photography.

Nicosia moved to Santa Fe nearly four years ago and with that move came a transitional period within his work. With this series, *Drawing*, we see the act of "making a picture" realized with drawing materials, minimal sets and visual information, yet the theatricality of Nicosia's earlier work continues to be evident. The content throughout the *Drawing* series offers the viewer an opportunity to discern the artist's varied motives, actions and psychological dispositions.

The nine new photographic constructions in this exhibition are of scenes in which the artist is experimenting in his studio with the most basic action of making his mark within a confined space, and does so by swinging a piece of graphite on the end of a string, throwing paint

soaked balls against a wall creating a 'self portrait', or tracing the contour of the set with graphite on the end of a long pole.

His installation in the gallery will also consist of a large-scale unique wall drawing stemming from the series of photographs in the show. This is only the second time that he has created an image at such a scale; the first was during his recent residency at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts in Omaha, Nebraska.

Nicosia's work has been exhibited throughout the world in numerous solo and group exhibitions, including the Whitney Biennials of 1983 and 2000, Documenta IX in Kassel, Germany. His work is in the permanent collection of museums such as the Museum of Modern Art, New York, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, The Whitney Museum, The Guggenheim, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Art Gallery of Ontario to name a few.

James Kelly Contemporary is located at 1601 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Gallery hours for the duration of this show are Tuesday through Friday from 10:00-5:00 p.m. - Saturday from 12:00-5:00 p.m. - Monday by appointment. Please call the gallery at 505.989.1601 - fax 505.989.5005 - email jernigan@jameskelly.com for more information.

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