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KEITH PERELLI: Reflections on Life After Hurricane Katrina

At FOUND GALLERY, September 8 – October 21, 2007

LOS ANGELES—Two years after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, the city of New Orleans is slowly showing signs of recovery; struggling to reposition itself as the central beacon of southern culture. In September, Found Gallery will present new works by Keith Perelli, a New Orleans-based artist. His works engage the viewer in a sophisticated dialogue, which strives to communicate a human connection to the events, issues and emotions that shape our lives and world. His recent work deals with the tragedy, loss, and the subsequent rebuilding of the New Orleans area as seen by a local resident.

Keith Perelli is an innovative artist with a fresh approach to painting. His work weaves a tightly-knit tapestry of symbolism and surrealism while dealing with a variety of intertwined themes, such as mortality, nature, and spirituality. Perelli is fascinated by the sheer power and force of natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina and the interaction between humans and nature.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Keith Perelli is a native of New Orleans and received his undergraduate degree in Painting and Printmaking from the University of New Orleans. Perelli attended and taught at the University of Cincinnati, receiving his MFA in Sculpture. In 1997, he attended Foundation Ratti's Advanced Course in the Visual Arts, studying with artist Alan Kaprow in Como, Italy.

He currently teaches drawing and painting at the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts (NOCCA). He has received numerous awards and grants, including a Louisiana Division of the Arts Fellowship. He has shown his work nationally and abroad.

A preview of these works can be seen at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/perelli>

WHERE: **Found Gallery** (formerly the Orphanage Gallery)
1903 Hyperion Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90027
www.foundla.com

WHEN: Opening Reception:
Saturday, September 8th, 2007
6pm – 9pm

Installation runs September 8th – October 21st

MORE: About FOUND GALLERY: The brain-child of local Eastside painter Jonny Coleman and Westside film producer/investor John Schwartz, Found Gallery opened its doors in mid-August 2006 (under the name The Orphanage Gallery). The gallery serves as a dynamic venue for emerging artists to showcase their works to up-and-coming collectors.

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