

**FOUND GALLERY PRESENTS “SPRING AWAKENINGS” –
PAINTINGS BY WOLFGANG BAUER – CLOSING RECEPTION**

In the wake of overwhelming excitement and critical response to Wolfgang Bauer’s “*Spring Awakenings*,” Found Gallery has announced a closing reception for the series. For the first time in Los Angeles, the Austrian-born artist presents his androgynous, bold and curious work in its entirety. Several works have already sold, and the gallery is accepting one-on-one appointments daily.

The concept for the latest series of painting was initially inspired by the iconoclastic Frank Wedekind play “Spring Awakening,” which recently garnered 11 Tony Award nominations. This series evolved from interdisciplinary studies of German literature, philosophy and anthropology, and explores facets of childhood development within sexual, negative, patriarchal, family structures in Western society. To promote a discourse between the viewer and the paintings, the portrayed characters make direct contact. This engages the viewer as a reactor to the narrative of the presented situation; with viewers’ own social, cultural, political and religious affiliations as pertinent variables. Ultimately, the portrayed characters aim to function as catalysts of socialization, prompted by patriarchal family structures within Western society.

Born in Vienna, Austria, Wolfgang currently lives in Los Angeles. He holds a degree in Fine Arts, Gender Studies, and German Literature from the University of Southern California. Wolfgang also studied at the Hochschule fuer Musik and Darstellende Kunst, (Max Reinhardt Seminar, Vienna, Austria), and at the Universitaet fuer Musik und Darstellende Kunst, (Mozarteum, Salzburg, Austria).

WHERE : Found Gallery
1903 Hyperion Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90027

WHEN: Installation runs May 11th – June 12th

Closing Reception: June 9th, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

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 hopes to serve as a dynamic venue for emerging artists to showcase their works to up-and-coming collectors.

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