



Callyann Casteel – Burger Gore and the Blackwater Nasties

Maiden Lane Exhibition Space

125 Maiden Lane

New York, NY 10038

Info: 1-212-206.6061 Hours: Daily from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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Reception and Performance, Friday October 20, 2006 from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

This show will involve costumes spanning over the last six years of Callyann Casteel's work in performance and soft sculpture. From the earliest gang of oblivious fanciful hamburgers to the most resent daunting towers of pattern, horns, limbs, chains and blood. All of these characters possess a whimsical and often dark quality, causing their performance to be funny, mildly gory, at times just plain beautiful. Some of them use endurance and naivety, some concentrate on frustration, and others emit a sense of intimidating malevolence. Interacting with each other, this group of costumes intends to estrange the lobby of 125 Maiden Lane, in a performance Callyann Casteel is calling "Burger Gore and the Backwater Nasties".

Callyann Casteel earned a BFA in Printmaking from Kansas City Art Institute in 2002. She attended Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles, 1996-97, and Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois, 1998. Casteel's drawings and soft sculptures – including puppets and life-sized costumes worn for public performances – have been exhibited at Johnson County Community College Gallery of Art, Telephone Booth Gallery, Urban Cultural Project's Bank Gallery, Fahrenheit Gallery, The Next Space, and the H&R Block Artspace at Kansas City Art Institute. Callyann Casteel lives and works in Kansas City, Missouri. Callyann Casteel is the recipient of the 2005 Charlotte Street Award and she participated in the Art Omi International Artists' Residency Program 2006.

The exhibition Callyann Casteel – Burger Gore and the Blackwater Nasties is curated by Elisabeth Akkerman, curator of The Francis J. Greenburger Collection, New York. The exhibition was made possible with the generous support of Time Equities Inc.