

KATHLEEN CULLEN FINE ARTS

DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN

February 2nd – 28th, 2011

Opening Reception: Thursday, February 2nd, 6 – 8pm

Nayland Blake, Ross Bleckner, David Bowes, Clegg & Guttmann, George Condo, Nancy Dwyer, Gilbert & George, Tishan Hsu, Jeff Koons, Allan McCollum, Peter Nagy, Joseph Nechvatal, Justen Ladda, Cary Leibowitz, Peter Nadin, Walter Robinson, Tim Rollins & KOS, Philip Taaffe, & Julia Wachtel



Tishan Hsu, Terrain, 1983, oil, acrylic, compound, Styrofoam, enamel on wood. 24 x 36 x 5 inches.

Desperately Seeking Susan revisits the 1980's from the perspectives of a diverse group of artists active throughout the decade. It is in the details of the work gathered here that common threads begin to emerge and display a world in transition. Quotidian objects of modernity become the focus of landscapes and still lifes. Abstractions hover between the organic and the synthetic. The authority of the media is questioned, while an empty wheelchair provides a haunting reminder of the failure of modern medicine during the height of the AIDS crisis. Here we see records of varied reactions to a corporeal society enhanced, strangled or disappointed by the artificial. As our natural world continues to be increasingly mediated by technology, a look back to these artists concerns in the 1980's becomes strikingly relevant.

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