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PAINTING: NOW AND FOREVER, PART II

July 3 – August 15, 2008

Opening: Wednesday, July 2, 6-8 P.M.

Greene Naftali Gallery and Matthew Marks Gallery are pleased to announce the exhibition *Painting: Now and Forever, Part II.* The exhibition is organized on the tenth anniversary of the show *Painting: Now and Forever, Part I,* held at the Pat Hearn Gallery and Matthew Marks Gallery.

That exhibition was a highly subjective, celebratory survey of contemporary painting, and it is in this spirit that the current show has been organized. The artists included in the 1998 exhibition were Franz Ackermann, Diti Almog, John Armleder, Michael Bevilacqua, Ashley Bickerton, Robin Bruch, Peter Cain, Casey Cook, George Condo, Pat de Groot, Carroll Dunham, Jeff Elrod, Paul Feeley, Bernard Frize, Maureen Gallace, Joanne Greenbaum, Peter Halley, Mary Heilmann, Gary Hume, Jacqueline Humphries, Jutta Koether, Yayoi Kusama, Sherrie Levine, Brice Marden, Helen Marden, Keith Mayerson, John Miller, Elizabeth Murray, Kenneth Noland, Jack Pierson, Sigmar Polke, Larry Poons, Monique Prieto, Richard Prince, Blake Rayne, Matthew Ritchie, Lisa Ruyter, Suzy Spence, Sturtevant, Philip Taaffe, Luc Tuymans, Andy Warhol, John Wesley, Sue Williams, and Terry Winters.

It was decided that none of the artists who exhibited in *Part I* should be included in *Part II* with one exception. As one of the Pat Hearn Gallery's original artists, Mary Heilmann exemplifies both the vital spirit of that gallery, as well as the continuing relevance of painting as a contemporary practice.

The artists in the current show are Kai Althoff, Cosima von Bonin, Merlin Carpenter, Mathew Cerletty, Wojciech Fangor, Katharina Fritsch, Gelitin, Isa Genzken, Poul Gernes, Daan van Golden, Jack Goldstein, Rodney Graham, Wade Guyton, Richard Hawkins, Mary Heilmann, Sophie von Hellermann, Charline von Heyl, Ull Hohn, Sergej Jensen, Mike Kelley, Ellsworth Kelly, Karen Kilimnik, Martin Kippenberger, Michael Krebber, William Leavitt, Michel Majerus, Bjarne Melgaard, Laura Owens, Blinky Palermo, Stephen Prina, R.H. Quaytman, Ugo Rondinone, Paul Sharits, Josh Smith, Reena Spaulings, Lily van der Stokker, Atsuko Tanaka, Paul Thek, Anne Truitt, Kelley Walker, Christopher Wool, and Katharina Wulff.

Painting: Now and Forever, Part II remains on view through August 15, 2008 at Matthew Marks Gallery, 522 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (Hours: Monday through Friday, 11:00 to 6:00) and Greene Naftali Gallery, 508 West 26th Street, 8<sup>th</sup> floor (Hours: Monday through Friday, 10:00 to 6:00). For further information, please contact Jay Sanders at Greene Naftali Gallery (jay@greenenaftaligallery.com) or Adrian Rosenfeld at Matthew Marks Gallery (adrian@matthewmarks.com).