

This Place is Foreign

Curated by Simon Guzylack

September 28, 2008 – October 5, 2008

Open every day, 13:00 – 19:00

Vernissage: September 27, 17:00

Mad Vicky's Tea Gallery

3, rue Nicolet

75018 Paris

HANAYO (japan)

LARRYS (canada)

AUDE LEVERE (france)

MATHIEU MALOUF (canada) / HEJI SHIN (south korea)

MAXWELL SIMMER (canada)

NINE YAMAMOTO-MASSON (france/japan)

MICHAEL YOUNG (Canada)

Mad Vicky's Tea Gallery is proud to present *This Place is Foreign*, a group exhibition of artists based in Berlin but born elsewhere. Working with music, video, sculpture, textiles, drawings, photography, and painting, these artists met serendipitously in Berlin and have found ways to use the city as a background for collaboration—artistic and recreational—in studios, galleries, bars, and discotheques. A performance by Hanayo on October 1 at 19:00 accompanies the show.

The condition of international artists in Berlin is more science-fiction than political drama: The works exhibited in the show recall psychedelic, perverse, mysterious, and happy visits to unexplored regions rather than hankerings for national identities or exotic fetishes. Selecting a context for the works of art becomes situational, playful and participatory, perhaps like their creation.

Through the artists' uses of various media, the show looks at the moment when distinctions collapse between work and play, personal and collective, the familiar and the foreign.

--written by Max Bach, Berlin september 2008

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