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CENTERpiece Gallery and MCQ Fine Art present
'LOCALS ONLY' Artists' Series: Erik Beehn

Las Vegas, NV (August 4, 2011) – MCQ Fine Art Advisory and CENTERpiece Gallery are pleased to present the works of local contemporary artist **Erik Beehn** for the next installation of its “*Locals Only*” rotating exhibition series. This is the first solo exhibition of Beehn’s work in the Las Vegas area and will include a VIP opening reception at CENTERpiece Gallery for the artist on Thursday, September 8, 2011, from 6 to 8 pm.

In order to further involve the local community, an extension of the exhibition will also be on view at the MCQ Fine Art Salon at 620 South 7th Street. Days for viewing will be Friday and Saturday from 10am to 5pm or by Appointment.



Ignoring the contemporary conventions of beauty and the picturesque, Beehn focuses on the small details within a space creating an environment that allows the viewer to take notice of that which is least often considered - the mundane. These public settings become private moments allowing the viewer to either act as intruder or explorer to Beehn’s tableaux.

“There is a disquieting aspect found in the emptiness of the American Landscape,” states Beehn. His interiors and landscapes, littered with personal detritus, serve to delineate the familiar from the unfamiliar. Beehn’s work is situated in a decidedly urban context, and invites the viewer to fill the quiet voids of isolation with their own recollections. Fleeting traces of human presence evoke feelings of déjà vu. Using a multitude of media when working, Beehn’s studio practice is characterized by the use of graphite, ink, acrylic, oil, photography, aerosol paint, gold leaf, and beeswax built up into translucent layers.

Erik S. Beehn was born 1979 in Chicago, Illinois, and spent his youth in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he studied before returning to Chicago to attend the Bachelor of Fine Arts program at the School of The Art Institute of Chicago. Erik received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree (BFA) from The School of The Arts Institute of Chicago (SAIC) in 2005. Upon graduation in 2005, Erik relocated to Los Angeles to be trained as a master printer for Gemini G.E.L., a fine art publishing house located in West Hollywood California. In 2010 Erik returned to Las Vegas to continue his studio practices, where he currently resides

The exhibition’s opening reception will be held on Thursday, September 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at CENTERpiece Gallery. The public is invited to view the exhibition through November 14, during normal business hours, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at CENTERpiece and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at MCQ Fine Art Salon. For more information on the “*Locals Only*” series and other upcoming events, contact Gallery Director, Nicole Moffatt at (702) 739.3314 or visit: www.centerpieceelv.com.

CENTERpiece Gallery is a 2,500-square-foot fine art and design venue that focuses not only on the traditional mediums of contemporary art such as photography and works on paper, but also presents unique and functional design objects and furniture. The gallery showcases works by many of the contemporary artists and architects featured throughout CityCenter, including artists Claes Oldenburg, Richard Misrach, Jenny Holzer and David Rockwell. For more information visit: www.centerpieceelv.com

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