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Susanne Thiemann
and Patricia Weiss

Bonding

One Night Only
Thursday April 22, 2010
Performances at 7:00 and 7:30 pm

Martos Gallery is pleased to present “Bonding”, a one night performance by artist Susanne Thiemann and dancer/choreographer Patricia Weiss.

Thiemann has created an abstract, organic sculpture to be used interactively with the viewer. This “bodypillow” is made available to the audience as an object to touch, hug, and ultimately serve as a receptacle for the viewer’s transmitted feelings.

In this spirit, Weiss will incorporate Thiemann’s sculpture into her movement throughout the gallery. Weiss will explore the functionality of the object by resting her body on it, as she would on a piece of furniture. Through this interaction, the object becomes part of her body. She plays with it like a childhood toy and experiences it as a symbol of her needs and obsessions. Physical interaction with the object simultaneously calms Weiss’s mind and reflects her aggressions, due to her dependency on the object. Weiss uses the object to work out her contradictory feelings and fantasies.

Susanne Thiemann has a Master’s Degree of Basketry, Lichtenfels, Germany, and recently attended the International Summer Academie of Fine Arts in Salzburg, Austria. Thiemann, born in Kiel, now lives and works in Munich. Her sculptures are representative of the tension existing between themes such as order and chaos, density and dissolution, attraction and rejection. Susanne is currently in her second residency at the International Studio & Curatorial Program.

Patricia Weiss graduated with a BA in Dance Performance from the Iwanson School of Contemporary Dance, Munich and continued her studies at The Ailey School in New York City. Recently, Patricia has been collaborating with visual artist Annegret Hoch on “Continuing...”, a work merging dance with architectural painting. Its first installment premiered in New York in September 2008, and a second performance was commissioned by the city of Munich in Fall 2009.

In conjunction, Thiemann will be screening *Skulp*, at Geraldine Page Salon for the ARTS, 435 West 22nd Street, 1st floor, April 26th, 7pm. This video, produced in 2009 for Thiemann’s first solo show at Martos Gallery features actor Martin Pfisterer who will also be in attendance.

For further information please contact the gallery at 212.560.0670 or info@martosgallery.com