

TOGONON GALLERY

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“Approximating Truth”, Photographs by Seza Bali, Dean Dempsey, Nadim Sabella and Judy Wu as part of **Counterpoint, 2010- Second Annual West Coast Exhibition of Artists Using Photography**

July 15- August 21, 2010

Opening Reception- Thursday, July 15, 2010, 5-7 p.m.

Meet the Artists -Thursday, July 15, 2010

San Francisco, May 14, 2010 - In its second annual exhibition showcasing contemporary photographic practices in the West Coast, Togonon Gallery is proud to present **Approximating Truth, Counterpoint 2010**.

The four artists in the exhibition, Seza Bali, Dean Dempsey, Nadim Sabella and Judy Wu explore notions of truth in photography by employing a variety of devices, including technical interventions and contrived manipulations to blur distinctions between fiction and truth.

To reshape the question of what’s real, Bali combines traditional photography and digital technology while Dempsey stages situations that have never occurred using theatricality and physical alterations. Further, Judy Wu handcrafts porcelain figures to create characters to depict unconventional stories and characters based on pre-human species like Neanderthals or Homo Erectus; other times they are portraits of real people whose stories are told through layers of fabrication with lights and lenses. Finally, Sabella combines model-making and photography to fabricate cinematic dreamscapes that explore perceptions of memory and renewal.

The goal of Togonon Gallery’s photographic programming is to heighten public awareness of the West Coast’s dynamic contribution to photographic practice and to make the works of West coast artists accessible to new and established art enthusiasts.

Venue: Togonon Gallery is located at 77 Geary, 2nd Fl.

Gallery Hours: Tuesdays-Sundays, 11-5:30 p.m.

Open till 8 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of the month

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