

DEREK ELLER GALLERY

Dan Fischer

Strangelove

March 17 - April 15, 2006

Opening reception: Friday, March 17, 6-8pm

Derek Eller Gallery is pleased to present drawings by Dan Fischer.

Dan Fischer's graphite drawings are meticulous recreations of photographs of artists or their signature works of art, such as Jeff Koons' sculpture, *Rabbit*, Ed Ruscha in front of his 20th Century Fox painting and Ana Mendieta's self-portrait with a mustache. Through his choice of images and his labor intensive creative process, Fischer stumbles with the complex nature of the photograph, the portrait and the iconic image. At first glance, these drawings appear to be actual photographs, but upon closer inspection, the warm textures Fischer creates with the pencil astonish the eye and endow the work with a highly personal quality and singular aura.

The intense attention to detail, the touch of graphite on paper, and the passionate rendering of my favorite subjects are the driving forces of the project... The grid allows me the pleasure of getting lost in the details of my favorite imagery; it takes me on a journey into the cracks and crevices, and therefore abstractions of incredible images from the past one hundred years of art history.

- Dan Fischer

This exhibition brings together a selection of drawings that Fischer has completed over the past three years. Dan Fischer's work can also be seen in the exhibition *Twice Drawn*, at the Tang Teaching Museum, through June 4, 2006. His work has also been included in shows at the Addison Gallery of American Art, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Weatherspoon Art Museum. Coinciding with the opening, the gallery will release Fischer's first catalogue, with an essay by Robert Hobbs. This will be Fischer's third solo exhibition with the gallery.

Derek Eller Gallery is located at 615 West 27th Street, between 11th and 12th Avenues. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 11am - 6pm. For further information or visuals, please contact the gallery at 212.206.6411 or visit www.derekeller.com