

DEREK ELLER GALLERY

Seth Kelly

Adam Putnam

June 30 - July 29, 2005

Opening Reception: Thursday, June 30, 6 - 8 pm

Derek Eller Gallery is pleased to present new work by Seth Kelly and Adam Putnam. For this exhibition each artist will be showing one work in tandem that explores ideas about emptiness as presence through depictions of immensity and the void.

“Looking at Seth Kelly’s work, *The Disinherited* I can feel a shift of perception occurring; my mind reels at the dizzying expanse that unravels as I gaze into the cosmic glory hole at the center of his planetary conglomeration. This scale shift from the tiny to the immense, past and future, induces a sense of vertigo. Time and space collapse and like an amplification device, Seth’s sculpture focuses our attention on these two extremes. The result is somewhere between a sculpture and a diagram, not unlike a fragmented chunk of architecture, long forgotten in a forest waiting to be re-discovered...”

-Adam Putnam

“In Adam Putnam’s *untitled* (shadow room) series, the viewer, upon entering the darkened gallery space finds it occupied by the video projection of another dark and empty space. One is caught by the overwhelming presence of no discernible object. This absence becomes a Thing, cornered into a room. It is a pulsating darkness that becomes more tenable over time as the interior that holds it maintains a tenuous stability.

The process creates a separation that alludes to a reoccurring shift of dimension. Adam’s structure is trapped in its own renewal, the creation of a void, like searching for the edges of a room without light.”

-Seth Kelly

Derek Eller Gallery is located at 526 West 25th Street, 2nd floor. Summer gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday from 11am - 6pm and by appointment. For further information or visuals, please contact the gallery at 212.206.6411 or visit www.derekeller.com