I Just Can't Pretend July 9 - August 2, 2002 Opening Reception: Wednesday, July 10, 6 - 8 pm

Derek Eller Gallery is pleased to present *I Just Can't Pretend*, curated by Dan Torop.

This show is about work from the heart, and the crooked paths this work sometimes must take. There is a theatricality to earnestness when genuine feeling battles with representation. A work can be simultaneously heartfelt and an education in deceit. Sometimes, the deception cannot even be maintained.

The exhibition will include a lamp by Noah Albert, an extremely short film by Jennifer Bornstein, a portrait by Matt Ducklo, a photograph of Woodrow Wilson by Alex Forman, a drawing and a sculpture by Jessica Jackson Hutchins, a life-sized radiating figure made by Seth Kelly, sculpture by Todd Knopke, a photograph by Kevin Landers, sculpture by Reuben Margolin, two drawings of brick structures by Adam Putnam, a photograph by Hans Soderquist, postcards made and sent by Whiting Tennis, and a light sculpture by Leo Villareal. There will be an accompanying essay by Max Fierst.

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