

MARTY WALKER GALLERY

William Lamson: ACTIONS

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Opening Reception: Saturday, September 6, 6-8 PM

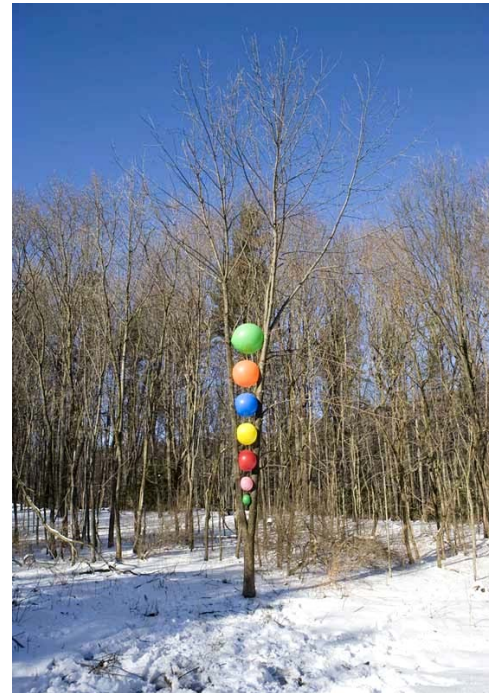
Marty Walker Gallery presents **ACTIONS**, an exhibition featuring new video and photography by Brooklyn artist **William Lamson**.

Lamson's video *Actions* depicts 33 short video performances involving the artist, black balloons and low-tech yet carefully calculated machinations designed to perform a variety of feats, both humorous, yet comically sinister. Although wildly entertaining, there is a sense of the macabre in the corporeal quality of the black balloons, as they are repetitively set up for their inevitable 'demise'. Lamson's work embraces physics, amateurism and performance art while achieving greatness with the simplest means: balloons, bb guns, and makeshift contraptions.

In the new series *Interventions*, Lamson photographs mundane humorously altered urban settings staging commonplace objects in unexpected, poetic, arrangements. His photographs capture a bizarre sense of wonder, yet remain grounded in the everyday backdrop of urban America. Lamson's inimitable sensibility and humor engages the viewer to discover a different sense of self and place.

William Lamson received an MFA at Bard College in New York in 2006. Recent group exhibitions include "New American Talent" at Arthouse in Austin, Texas, and "Orpheus Selection: in search for Darkness at PS1," New York, among others. Lamson's work has been widely shown in both solo and group exhibitions in the US, as well as in Germany, Japan, Italy, and Australia.

This exhibition is unique in that it marks the gallery's first collaborative exhibition. Marty Walker Gallery has partnered with Scott + Cooner and Renaissance Audio Video to create a state-of-the-art video lounge experience offering the finest in art, a/v and Privé, the latest furniture line designed by Philippe Starck.



(left & center) William Lamson's *Actions* 2007-08 stills from video (right) William Lamson's *Intervention 12* 2007-08 photograph

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