

**Brian O'Connell**

Redling Fine Art

Friday, April 17th – May 9th, 2009

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 4th, 6 – 9 pm

*Concrete Boat Project*: Launch and Christening

Saturday, April 18th 2-3pm

Marina Del Rey Boat Launch

13477 Fiji Way (Basin H), Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

*Concrete Boat Project*: Rides and Tour

Saturday, April 18th 4-7pm

The Angler's Choice

13723 Fiji Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Redling Fine Art is pleased to present two concurrent projects by New York based artist Brian O'Connell. The *Concrete Boat Project* will begin on March 26th and last 9 days, during which time O'Connell will take up residence on a Malibu beach and build a 13 foot ferrocement boat. The project will culminate in a boat launch in Marina Del Rey. At the gallery we will present *Structural, Uncontrolled Hollywood, Political, Auteur, Cosmic, Happy, Sad, and Ordinary*, in which a 16mm projector is exhibited as an art object rather than a instrument for viewing. The projection wall will be painted to compensate for the difference between the ambient light and the illumination of the projector.

Both projects invoke technologies and cultural practices of the recent past that have reemerged in recent years within specifically artistic contexts. The first project uses cooperative production and alternative material practices of 1960's and 70's countercultural movements as the source for the building of an absurdist sounding but fully functional concrete boat made out of beach sand which is at the same time a large scale sculptural form. The second reduces the use of 16mm projection within the gallery space to it's most extreme by removing both the film and negating the effect of the projection as much as possible; calling into question the status of both projector and projection as apparatus, sculptural object, and installation.

Brian O'Connell has exhibited throughout the United States and Europe including solo shows at Adamski in Aachen and Berlin, Germany and Laure Genillard in London, England.

For further information or to visit the Malibu site of the *Concrete Boat Project* please contact [office@redlingfineart.com](mailto:office@redlingfineart.com)

For updates and images of the *Concrete Boat Project* please visit <http://www.boconnell.org/ART/BOAT/Boat1.html>