

# REDLING FINE ART

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Jason Kraus

Rental Gallery

January 8<sup>th</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Gallery Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 12 – 6 pm

Opening Reception: Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 9 pm

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January 15<sup>th</sup> – February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Opening Reception: Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 9 pm

Redling Fine Art is pleased to present two solo shows by Los Angeles based artist Jason Kraus- the first at Rental Gallery in New York, the second at Redling Fine Art in Los Angeles.

Using the spectacle of a motor vehicle crash as a stand in for the spectacle of art making, Kraus has created a new body of work that investigates modes of production and audience.

The exhibition at Rental in New York consists of sculptures made from pieces of metal taken from cars and motorcycles involved in real crashes. The motorcycle “pieces” are cast in clear plastic and cement- which mimic the production model used in the development of the bikes, only in these works the dents and scratches from the accident are included. Also by including the original as part of the work, Kraus takes what appears to be a multiple and creates singular art works.

Betamax video stills of audiences taken from staged stunts from the 1960’s and 1970’s complete the exhibition in a blur of abstracted viewership. Although the stunts themselves have been removed the anticipation of the audience remains.

The exhibition will continue at Redling Fine Art’s gallery in Los Angles. Kraus has created the set for what would be an impossible stunt. In an abandoned piece of land across the street from the gallery a large wooded ramp has been constructed. The trajectory of which alludes to a car being able to jump the street and land in the gallery’s second story space. There will only be two works in the gallery itself, a large spotlight, directed at the ramp and a collage made form the original drawings of the ramp’s inception.

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