

STRIKE A POSE

30 January – 28 February 2009
Private view Thursday 29 January 6-8pm

Stephen Friedman Gallery is pleased to present 'Strike a Pose' – a group exhibition of emerging and established international artists. A diverse selection of two and three dimensional works, both figurative and abstract, explores the physical, psychological and conceptual implications of the 'pose'.

The exhibition asks us to consider questions of identity, performance, artifice, appropriation and intent. The formal concerns explored by these artists such as figuration, gesture, abstract assertions and physical interconnections, encourage an awareness of the body in time and space. Classical modes of representation as well as more complex propositions reveal the pose as an ambiguous, self-conscious form.

Bringing together a playful and inquisitive selection of work, the exhibition offers an opportunity to consider the implications of the 'pose' across formal and conceptual territory.

Participating artists include: Colby Bird, Gillian Carnegie, George Condo, R.Crumb, Abraham Cruzvillegas, John Currin, Rineke Dijkstra, Carroll Dunham, Cecilia Edefalk, Elmgreen & Dragset, Isa Genzken, Jan van Imschoot, Dr. Lakra, Sarah Lucas, Mark Manders, Hellen van Meene, Jockum Nordström, Lara Schnitger, Cindy Sherman, Michael Snow, John Stezaker, Thaddeus Strode, Pascale Marthine Tayou, Janaina Tschäpe, Andy Warhol and John Wesley.

Forthcoming exhibition: **Tonico Lemos Auad** 13 March – 18 April 2009

Gallery hours are: Tuesday to Friday, 10am-6pm and Saturday, 11am-5pm
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