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**CLOSING DOWN
September 21 – October 29, 2005**

Bortolami Dayan is proud to announce its inaugural exhibition at its new gallery space at 510 West 25th Street. "Closing Down" presents a group of artists whose work explores inevitable contradictions and ironies. Using a variety of media, these artists question our sense of virtuosity and bring a level of cynicism, sarcasm and irreverence to the fore.

While the artists' works are clearly multidimensional and multilayered, what they share are the almost paradoxical references in their exploration of themes such as beauty vs. the grotesque, calm vs. chaos, verity vs. falsehood, good vs. evil, and life vs. death.

Ultimately the artists are presented with a contradiction of how to function convincingly within the confines of an art system in which all avenues of escape appear foreclosed.

The artists' works in this exhibition reflect this quandary. Their subversive, incisive and often humorous commentaries on our contemporary world suggest that they are seemingly finding some solutions while presenting new questions of their own.

The artists in the exhibition include: Glenn Brown, Urs Fischer, Sylvie Fleury, Piero Golia, Damien Hirst, Richard Hughes, Tim Noble & Sue Webster, Paul Pfeiffer, Jack Pierson, David Salle, Jim Shaw, Piotr Uklanski and Eric Wesley.

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