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Troy Gua & the Collaborati Meet Greet Rinse Repeat

Thurs, April 1 – Fri, April 30, 2010
Reception: Thursday, April 1, 6–8pm



SEATTLE, March 11, 2010 -- Monarch Contemporary is pleased to announce an installation of glyph sculptures by Troy Gua and the Collaborati.

From cave paintings, hieroglyphics and cuneiform to modern sentences, written communication has evolved from visual symbols to a structured system of complex words and phrases. With accelerating technology, many believe that communication will continue to evolve, forever altering the “written word” as we know it. Others argue that we have entered an era of de-evolution, where the advent of hand-held devices and social networking is causing us to revert backward to a less sophisticated system of symbols, acronyms and emoticons.

With 'Meet Greet Rinse Repeat', Troy Gua is asking fellow artists to communicate with him in respectively unique visual languages. He begins the conversation with a hand cut graphic character of invented symbolism. He sends this to his collaborator who infuses it with whatever creative spirit they deem fit. The collaborator then “replies” by passing their visual response back to the originator. Gua concludes the interchange by applying a resin coating, which bonds the exchange between originator and collaborator. Each collaborating artist assigns a conversational title to the finished work, providing the viewer with an insight into this personal communiqué.

Participating Artists:

Sharon Arnold • Ben Beres • Susanna Bluhm • Cynthia Camlin Daniel Carrillo • Jojo Corväiá • Chris Crites • Jed Dunkerley • Warren Dykeman • Eric Elliott • Cristin Ford • Erin Frost • Marie Gagnon • Tatiana Garmendia Cable Griffith • Noah Grussgott • Catherine Gua • Robert Hardgrave • Meg Hartwig • Sol Hashemi/Jason Hirata • Harold Hollingsworth • Etsuko Ichikawa • Amy Johnson • Claire Johnson • Shaun Kardinal • Ken Kelly • Counsel Langley Margie Livingston • Greg Lundgren • Amanda Manitch Ryan Molenkamp • Damon Mori • Saya Moriyasu • Molly Norris • Kate Protage • Jason Puccinelli • Ariana Page Russell • Bailey Russel • Erin Shafkind • Arun Sharma • Chris Sheridan • Scott Story • Liz Tran • Kimberly Trowbridge • Sylwia Tur • Joey Veltkamp • Laura Ward • Jennifer Zeyl