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**SFMOMA ARTISTS GALLERY PRESENTS SCULPTURE AND
PHOTOGRAPHY**

Sara Leith-Tanous – Photography

Walter Robinson – Sculpture

Matthew Scheatzle - Sculpture

Dates: June 4-27, 2003

Reception: Wednesday, June 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: SFMOMA Artists Gallery, Fort Mason Center

Sara Leith-Tanous is a photographer who upholds the process of looking at things deeply and discovering what may be beyond what she sees. She has worked on a variety of subject matter from people to animals, family to strangers, and of life and death. In each theme she finds what is lyrical, poetic or haunting about the subject matter. On display in this exhibition is her series of remarkable photographs of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain. This series reveals the magnificent sculptural side of this architectural wonder.

Walter Robinson thinks of himself as an old-fashioned object maker. His use of wood can be highly crafted or deliberately crude and borrows from the historical traditions of woodworking: furniture makers, boat builders, and folk whittlers. His sculptures or systems of objects can be representational or vague and open to interpretation. They are often goofy, absurd and present an uncomfortable, indecipherable conundrum. In this exhibit is a series of strange animal figures that express the disconnect humans have toward the animal kingdom – the recognition of their inherent value, yet the need to dominate them and change them to our will.

The clay sculptures of **Matthew Scheatzle** possess a sublime elegance far beyond their simple artisan materials. The work echoes the minimalist sculpture of the 60's, but recontextualized by the applied medium in use. Handmade blocks are created to his exact specifications from clay, then glazed and fired. The completed pieces are arranged or stacked, creating large scale cubes or wall reliefs that project a sense of timeless silence. He strives for a feeling in his work that is expansive, intimate and ultra quiet; an arrangement of delicate parts that form a representation of reflection.

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Representing over a thousand West Coast artists, the SFMOMA Artists Gallery offers a diverse selection of original artwork for sale and rent.

The SFMOMA Artists Gallery is located in Building A at Fort Mason Center. Gallery hours are 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission to gallery exhibitions is free of charge.

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