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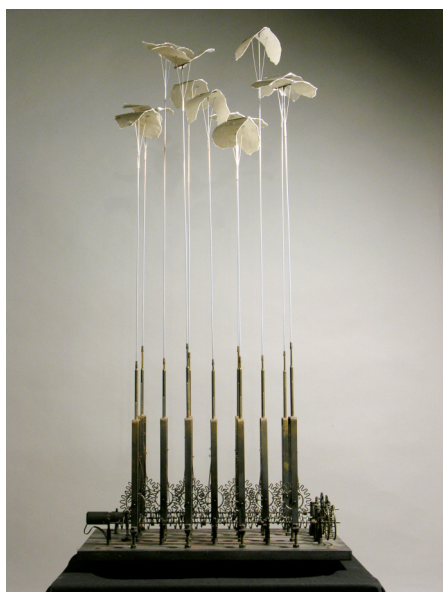
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Pelham Art Center 155 Fifth Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803

## ***CURIOUS EXPLORATION***

**February 4 – April 2, 2011**

Opening Reception and All-Age Art Workshop:  
Friday February 4, 6:30-8:00pm



Arthur Ganson "Machine with 11 Scraps of Paper"

Pelham Art Center is pleased to announce the opening of Curious Exploration, a digital media exhibit curated by Chris Kaczmarek, Coordinator for the School of Art and Design at SUNY Purchase. The participating artists are Lien Chen Lin, Scott Fitzgerald, Andrea Goldman, Fernando Orellana, Arthur Ganson and Becky Sellinger. Funding for this exhibit is received by New York State Council on the Arts, A New York State Agency.

With the help of digital media, mechanical forms and electrical tools, the work featured in *Curious Exploration* embody ideas of imaginative and playful inquiry. Though the creative process new links are made between video and poetry, robotics and relationships, linguistics and politics, time and experience, and perhaps most importantly, between viewer and concept.

Installation artist Scott Fitzgerald incorporates interactive video with performance and gesture to form an experience that pulls the viewer into a physical investigation in his piece "RIFT". Meanwhile NY artist Andrea Goldman's silent video, "Rethinking CApiTaliSm", is inspired by the LOL cats from the popular website "I can has cheezburger?", using images of cats in various states of being, from serious to hilarious. In another silent video, the artist Lien Chen Lin utilizes text written out in alphabet noodles on the surface of a bowl of soup to

form what could be an imaginary conversation between a cast of fantasy characters. In the Community Gallery space, Suny Purchase student, Becky Sellinger, presents “Bush”, a humorous video of a woman dressed as a bush, bringing to mind thoughts of femininity and sexuality.

Artist Fernando Orellana moves in a different direction with his quirky but irresistibly off-putting mechanical pieces. In his interactive communication piece “Phoney”, videophones and a reconfigured egg shaped mechanical toy allow two people to talk to each other on separate sides of a space, questioning the relationship between technology and representation. Using mechanical objects as well, artist Arthur Ganson’s intricate hand built machines evoke emotion and empathy in ways so subtle they become avatars for the human experience.

*Curious Exploration* will be on view at Pelham Art Center from February 4 – April 2, 2011. It is free and open to the public. Pelham Art Center is located at 155 Fifth Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. For more information please contact us at (914) 738-2525 or [gallery@pelhamartcenter.org](mailto:gallery@pelhamartcenter.org). [www.pelhamartcenter.org](http://www.pelhamartcenter.org).

#### About Chris Kaczmarek

Chris Kaczmarek is a New York based writer, artist and educator whose research interests span traditional and experimental art practices through a broad variety of mediums. His interactive sculptural installations often combine video and sound with hand crafted elements and are designed to guide viewers towards a deeper contemplation about the media influenced environment that they inhabit. Other works include sound scores for the stage, multi channel videos and hand made electronic instruments. He has received an MFA in Sculpture and an MA in Modern and Contemporary Art History from Purchase College, where he currently serves as the Coordinator for the School of Art and Design and as an adjunct instructor.

#### Related Programming

Digital Video Workshop

Saturday, March 19, 1:30-3:30pm

Join featured artist Scott Fitzgerald for a general video tutorial including using a digital video camera, capturing video and basic editing.

For high resolution images, please contact:

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Hours: Tuesday- Friday, 10-5pm Saturday, 10-4pm

Directions: Located 5 blocks from the Hutchinson Parkway exit 12 and 2 blocks from the Metro North Pelham stop

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