

PRESS RELEASE

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WINDOW *On Site* and *Online* present *Island*, with Susie Thomas and Roman Mitch.

Following on from 2007's rm103/Östra Ställmastaregatan installment of *Island*, Susie Thomas and Roman Mitch once again join forces to bring us this latest version of their ongoing Auckland/Malmö project. Uniting the two artists is the idea of visual art as an extension of language, as well as a taste for abstraction as a means of engaging thoughtfully in the landscape of signs.

The artists' ordinary practices are employed as readymades for their long-distance dialogue, as a means by which to investigate the methodologies, contexts and supports relating to their heavily mediated approach to presenting each other's work. *Island* takes the communicative constraints experienced by the artists and gives them a generative role within the exhibitions, inverting the usual formulation. That which frames the project takes centre stage.

Island opens up a public/private discussion on an international scale. It might not be as glamorous as the better-known biennials and fairs (the Malmö component takes place in Mitch's studio), but it is a natural extension of two practices in an increasingly globalized art world.

To separate the two: Susie Thomas is an Auckland-based artist whose fondness for single-celled organisms has got her into more than a couple of tight spots. She has recently shown at Happy, and was the recipient of the 2006 Starving Artists Fund Award. Roman Mitch is based in Malmö, Sweden. Via various conceptual twists and turns, his practice analytically incorporates non-objective abstraction and repetitive cycles of self-reference. He has shown at spaces including St. Paul Street and Stark White in Auckland, as well as SNO in Sydney.

The exhibition runs from April 22th until May 2nd.

WINDOW is a contemporary art project space with an On Site / Online premise, running parallel programs of experimental media and virtual art. WINDOW On Site is located in the foyer of the University of Auckland's General Library. For more information, please contact WINDOW: [window@auckland.ac.nz](mailto>window@auckland.ac.nz) or 3737599, ext 88279.