

Scenes From The House Dream: Phase 3

David Hoffos

Please join David Hoffos for the opening of his exhibition,
Friday, April 15, 2005, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Exhibition continues through to **May 14th, 2005.**

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Well-known for producing illusionary installations with technologically conjured effects harking back to early forms of cinema, David Hoffos' latest installation entitled, **Scenes From The House Dream** – a five year – five phase installation begun in the spring of 2003 and co-produced by TrépanierBaer gallery – is his most elaborate installation to date. Inspired by his dream about a house and constructed along the lines of the contemporary lore of the subconscious dream world, **Scenes From The House Dream** spies a fantastic image of our contemporary world perceived through a haunting and mesmerizing nocturnal dimension. Now in its third phase, this exhibition brings the artist one phase closer to the project's realization, whereby all phases of this evolving installation will soon configure into a massive exhibition environment.

Scenes From The House Dream simulates the phenomenological realm of the 'House Dream' as a spectacle of anxiety-ridden wonderment through illusionary effects recalling the pre-cinematic phantasmagoria magic-lantern shows of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and the nineteenth century miniature diorama. With the exhibition space enshrouded in darkness, viewers navigate their way through a darkened passageway, where eerie specters of light, emanating from miniature toy model worlds peopled by ghostly figures, beckon. The flickering light, color, and dreamy sounds merging from Hoffos' miniature model worlds heighten the House Dream's otherworldly qualities with the opaque levels of the subconscious dream world.

Compelling as they are fascinating, Hoffos' installation scenes represent the shadowy realm of the subconscious dream world we hardly know through scenes that are uncanningly familiar to us. **Scenes From The House Dream** portrays ordinary urban vistas beset by simulated phenomenon and paranormal occurrences: fireworks explode, ghosts haunt, and Zeppelin's hover over otherwise sleepy suburbs. And, to give up just a little of the surprise of phase three, a Barnett Newman painting disappears!

David Hoffos was born in Montréal in 1966 and lives and works in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. He received his BFA with Great Distinction from the University of Lethbridge in 1994, and has maintained an active exhibition career since 1991. His film, video, and installation works have been included in solo and group exhibitions in Canada, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and the United States. The first phase of **Scenes From The House Dream** was launched at TrépanierBaer in the spring of 2003, the beginning of a projected five-year co-production. Recent exhibitions of David Hoffos' work include the Macdonald Stewart Art Center (2005); Saw Gallery (2005); Walter Phillips Gallery for Contemporary Art (2005); Mendel Art Gallery (2005); Art Gallery of Nova Scotia (2004); Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (2004); TrépanierBaer (2004). David Hoffos is the recipient of several Canada Council and Alberta Foundation for the Arts Visual Arts Project Grants, a Banff Center Studio Residency Award, and the Sobey Art Award (second prize), 2002. The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia was recently awarded the distinguished York Wilson Endowment Award (2004) to purchase **Scenes From The House Dream: Phase 2, 65 Footers**.

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