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Exhibition: John Evans
The Avenue B School of Art

Dates: 17 June - 2 July, 2000

Location: Faircharm Trading Estate, Unit B211
8-10 Creekside, London SE8 3DX

Hours: Saturday - Sunday, 12 - 6pm

Closing Reception: Saturday 1 July 2000, 2:00 - 8:00pm

In conjunction with Deptford X, South London Holding Company is pleased to announce the first UK solo exhibition of John Evans.

John Evans has been living and working in New York City for approximately 40 years, producing collages as well as taking part in the Correspondence Art movement. His works, the earliest which date from the beginning of the 1960s, are inspired by prior movements in art such as Dada and Fluxus as well as by the ever-changing environment in which he resides.

Since the early 1960s, Evans' preoccupation has been to produce one collage every day. Working as an anthropologist of the present, the artist gathers materials from the streets around his Lower East Side residence, eventually returning to the studio where these materials are constructed into ambiguous narratives in the form collages which incorporate the use of pen and acrylic ink drawing. Consisting of bits of torn paper, stamps, labels, fragments of photographs and scraps of fabric, the final works are composed of odd architectural forms rising in the foreground of desolate plains, recalling the deserted landscapes which feature so often in Surrealist works. The architectural forms, at once monolithic yet strangely organic, become animated as the collage elements incorporated within them make reference to one another through their juxtaposition.

The Avenue B School of Art will offer a glimpse into Evans' work from over the past twenty-five years. Presenting one collage from each month of the artist's production since 1975, the exhibition will consist of approximately 300 collages. To commemorate the occasion of Evans' first exhibition in the United Kingdom, there will also be a limited edition stampsheet produced.

John Evans lives and works in New York and will also be exhibiting at Woodward Gallery, New York from June 20 until July 20. For further details or images, please contact Thomas Rugani on 020 7277 5611 or at holdingcompany@hotmail.com.