

Thomas K. Lang Gallery



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Andreas Karner

Opening: Wednesday, June 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Introduction: Vitus H. Weh

Duration of the Exhibition: June 8 through July 14, 2006

Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Webster University, Berchtoldgasse 1, 1220 Wien

Although this prophecy may sound euphoric and promising, it at the same time appears to be as arbitrary, banal, and fragmentary as those oracle phrases which one can find in fortune cookies in Chinese restaurants.

Andreas Karner wants his work to be understood in a similar manner. He practices a rather relaxed handling of the different motifs that interest him and combines them intuitively, no matter whether they are casual notes, meticulously executed drawings, brief texts, or strange objects made out of found materials.

In combining these elements the meaningful turns into the trivial, even comical whereas the marginal assumes importance and gets fueled by a type of (new) meaning which makes the boundaries of clearly regulated semantics indistinct.

In the course of these relativizing operations things do not necessarily annul each other to end up in a kind of elegant vacuum but instead this associative game results in the enigmatic, still and simple.

(Susi MAKOVSKIJ)