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RICHARD DUPONT
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Tracy Williams, Ltd. is pleased to present an exhibition of new sculpture and digital works by New York artist Richard Dupont. This will be the artist's first solo exhibition with the gallery. Pushing the line between the real and the virtual, Dupont's works expand the relationship between sculpture, performance, and digital art.



Using a process of laser scanning both his body and various plaster casts of body parts, Dupont has created a highly accurate and detailed 3D computer model of his entire body. The model carries with it a tremendous amount of information, requiring over two million polygons (geometric units) to define its topography, and is accurate down to the fingernails. This elaborate clone, or surrogate, is entirely malleable and can be reconstituted, manipulated, distorted, programmed, etc. like so many genomic reorganizations.

For this exhibition, the artist has put the model through a variety of extreme manipulations, both spatial and procedural, and will present these exercises as both digital animation and sculpture. Regardless of the final form, the primary subject is the viewer— as the works are intended to provoke an active interaction- engaging the viewer in psychological, perceptual and physical correspondences which mirror the manipulations of the model.

As the body's form is mass produced and brought back to life in an endless loop of replication and illusion, these various investigations, whether static or animated, make reference to both the science of the distant future and the mythology of the ancient past while remaining grounded firmly in the present.

Richard Dupont's work will be featured at this December's Art Basel Miami Beach 2005. In addition, one of the artist's recent sculptures has been acquired by MoMA for its 21st Century collection.

For further information and images, please contact the gallery at 212.229.2757.
Gallery Hours: Tuesday- Saturday, 11-6

Join us for the opening on Saturday, the 10th of September from 6 to 8 p.m.