



The Dating Show

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Brooklyn, NY—Featuring the work of 12 established and emerging artists working in a wide variety of media, this exhibition is the first to showcase art pertaining to the theme of dating and relationships in the 21st century. *The Dating Show* will be on view at **The Gallery at 3rd Ward** from February 9 to March 22, 2007. An opening reception will be held on Friday February 9th from 6-9pm.

Dating is an all-pervasive social phenomenon in the United States. As a quest for companionship and sexual liaison, the construct of dating is a prominent presence in our everyday lives, regardless of whether we ourselves are actively taking part in the dating scene. The cultural phenomenon makes its appearance in TV shows and commercials, newspaper personal ads and widely advertised Internet dating websites as well as in bars, at work or even at the grocery store. The “rules” of dating determine a great number of our inter-personal relations. Investigating and exposing these rules will give insight into the politics inherent in courtship behaviours, mate selection, and romantic stereotypes.

The artists included in this show manifest an awareness of the numerous implications of contemporary dating. Intertwining their art with their powers of social observation and critique, these artists propose a subversion of the dating principles. The contemporary dating phenomenon—its evolving standards, institutions and “rules”—is fertile ground for their witty and provocative artistic explorations.

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The Dating Show is a curatorial collaboration between Emma Brasó, Dan Leers and Margot Norton. They are MA Candidates in Curatorial Studies at Columbia University, New York.

For more information on 3rd Ward please contact (718)715-4961 or info@3rdwardbrooklyn.org. 3rd Ward is located at 195 Morgan Avenue, Brooklyn NY, 11237. Please visit the show during gallery hours: Tue and Thu-Sun, 11am to 9pm or by appointment.