

Press Release

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Scott White Contemporary Art presents

**West Shore Drive
New Paintings by Sebastian Blanck**

September 11 - November 7, 2009
Opening Reception: Friday, September 11, 2009, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

San Diego, CA - For Immediate Release

Event Summary:

Scott White Contemporary Art is pleased to present an exhibition of new paintings by New York based artist, Sebastian Blanck. The exhibition will be on view starting Friday, September 11, through Saturday, November 7, 2009. The opening reception will be held in the gallery on Friday, September 11 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The reception is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Exhibition Details:

West Shore Drive showcases a new body of work by Sebastian Blanck, who has gained prominent attention and praise in the New York contemporary art world over the past decade as a figurative painter. While Blanck made his mark in his early career painting nudes of his then girlfriend (now his wife) Isca Greenfield-Sanders, this new body of work broadens his subjects to friends and family members, all of whom are artists and musicians.

Blanck explores new territory in this exhibition, working in acrylic instead of oils and employing collage techniques. The composition is divided like a puzzle, each piece solidly painted onto cutout paper and then adhered to stretched paper. He states: "I always painted with oil paint until this series – but oils aren't immediate enough for these paintings. I need to see the color relationships that I am creating as I lay down the shapes. Acrylic only takes a few minutes to dry, if I were using

oils I would have to wait at least a week before each piece dried, which is too impractical. It is exciting how a change of material can open up new opportunities."

This fresh technique breaths vibrancy to Blanck's established brand of genuine and intimate portraits, revealing glimpses of his private life that is accessible and relatable to his audience.

Artist Information:

Sebastian Blanck received a B.F.A. in painting from The Rhode Island School of Design. In 2001, he was a visiting artist at the American Academy in Rome. Blanck is married to the artist Isca Greenfield-Sanders, with whom he has a son. They live and work in New York City.

Sebastian Blanck has had numerous solo exhibitions including those at Baldwin Gallery in Aspen Colorado, Bjorn Wetterling Gallery in Stockholm and Werkstatte Gallery in New York. His work has been reviewed in dozens of magazines and newspapers including *The New York Art World*, *Art Forum*, *Paper Magazine*, the *New York Post* and the *New Yorker*.

In addition to being an established artist, Blanck is also an accomplished musician. He is a founding member of the experimental electronica group *Black Dice* along with Bjorn Copeland, Hisham Bharoocha and Eric Copeland. He recently recorded a single with Caroline Polocheck of the band *Chairlift*, available for download on iTunes.