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SCOTT WHITE CONTEMPORARY ART presents an exhibition by

FOON SHAM

In-exterior

April 21 – June 3, 2006

Opening Reception: Friday, April 21, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

San Diego, CA (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

Summary:

Scott White Contemporary Art is pleased to present the forthcoming exhibition, *In-Exterior* featuring recent sculptures by Foon Sham. The exhibition will be on view beginning Friday, April 21, through Saturday, June 3, 2006.

Exhibition Details:

Macau-born artist Foon Sham's recent wood sculptures celebrate the artist's love of the material - the most basic and fundamental building material used since the dawn of human civilization. Sham's search for raw lumber has brought him around the world, where he has spent extensive periods in Norway and Australia. Sham cuts down the natural and found wood into small blocks – using cherry, pine, red gum or birch. He then assembles these blocks into intricately designed, large and small-scale sculptures, which suggest primitive and organic forms. Some pieces resemble rudimentary living spaces such as igloos, tee-pees, or caves, while others suggest tribal vessels such as funerary urns and vases. Although these sculptures convey an influence of forms taken from primitive and tribal art, Sham also incorporates modern design principals, drawing elegance and sophistication into the overall design. The finished sculpture ultimately portrays a balance between the primitive and modern, and the raw and refined.

Foon Sham arrived in the U.S. in 1975, and obtained his Bachelor in Fine Art from the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland. He then moved to Richmond, Virginia, where he obtained his M.F.A. from the Virginia Commonwealth University. Sham now lives and works in Washington Metropolitan area, where he also teaches as a Professor of Fine Arts at the University of Maryland, College Park.

In-Exterior follows an internationally acclaimed 2005 solo-exhibition at Dianne Tanzer Gallery in Melbourne, Australia, as well as his 2004 exhibition at Kim Poster Gallery in New York. In 2003, he was selected to be included in the prestigious International Sculpture Center's Juried Exhibition at the Grounds for Sculpture, located in New Jersey.

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Gallery Information:

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