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"the future is not what it used to be"

Opening: saturday, february 28th 6-8 pm

Kevin Bewersdorf

Charles Broskoski

Marc Horowitz

Kenneth Tin-Kin Hung

Kristin Lucas

Michael Mandiberg

Eva and Franco Mattes (aka 0100101110101101.org)

Joe McKay

JooYoun Paek

Marcin Ramocki & Paul Slocum (with Spiritsurfers)

"the future is not what it used to be" brings together artists engaged in the Internet shaped culture. Through drawings, photographs, sculpture, video, and online projects they explore social interaction in a networked world, reflection in the times of speed, new communication tools and smart technologies affecting cultural and sociopolitical reality, sustainable strategies for contemporary life, connectivity and dis-connect, digital/analog divide, instantaneity and obsolescence, the web as the largest image depository ever, and new forms of appropriation, means of production, and modes of political engagement.

What we do today shapes our tomorrows.

Kevin Bewersdorf conducts Google searches for images that he then orders printed onto variety of objects employing online services like walgreens.com. These remotely made "Promotional Objects" transcend banality of its origins as private found imagery: from infinite web space onto a limited product, the unwitting subjects are made physical once again, staring at you across time and space.

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Charles Broskoski presents a gallery version of an internet work entitled "Films" (2008, <http://films.supercentral.org>). The piece explores internettime, or how time passes on the internet, by providing a contrast to immediacy of online media. On his site, eight well known films (Pulp Fiction, Terminator 2 and When Harry Met Sally among them) play continuously on a fixed daily schedule whether users visit the site or not. The screen is black save only for the subtitles of the dialog. The gallery version corresponds with the daily schedule of Films online: Stand By Me (10:00 AM), Shawshank Redemption (11:20 AM), Terminator 2 (1:37 PM), Trading Places (4:00 PM), Pulp Fiction (5:47 PM), Back to the Future 2 (8:00 PM), When Harry Met Sally (9:42 PM), Batman (11:00 PM).

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