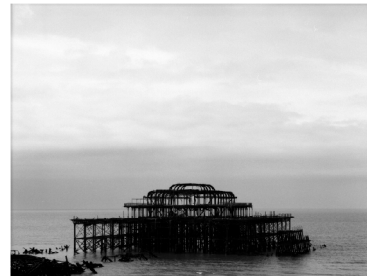


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Fiona Tan "News from the Near Future"

April 4 - May 12, 2007

Opening reception: Wednesday, April 4, 6-8 PM



West Pier II
2006, B&W print on Baryta paper, 60 x 80 cm

Opening Wednesday April 4, 2007, Wako Works of Art is very pleased to present an exhibition of new and recent works by the internationally acclaimed artist Fiona Tan. This will be the artist's third exhibition at the gallery, and will feature two video works and a new series of photographs.

Born in 1966 in Indonesia and raised in Australia, Fiona Tan was educated at the Gerrit Rietveld Academie and the Rijksakademie in Amsterdam. Her works have also been shown in numerous group exhibitions, such as the 49th Venice Biennale (2001), Documenta 11 (2002), and, more familiarly, at the first Yokohama Triennial (2001). From 2004 to 2005, Tan's solo exhibition *Correction* was shown at New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago and UCLA Hammer Museum; her other solo exhibition *Mirror Maker* has traveled to Denmark, Austria, Norway and Finland, and was shortlisted for this year's Deutsche Borse Photo Prize. She is currently based in the Netherlands.

Through the use of both archival and self-shot film and photographs, Fiona Tan's themes range from the subjectivity inherent in ethnographic and archaeological material, dislocation and relocation, and the conditions of time and memory, history and fiction.

On view in this exhibition is a video projection, "News from the Near Future" (2003), which pieces archival newsreel footages of images of water, transgressing from pastimes spent in and near the water to torrential images, accompanied by radio reports of maritime tragedies and disasters. Also on view is "Downside Up," (2002) a video piece which unravels an interplay between figures and shadows and a poem that longs for the time when the earth was still flat. Together on exhibit are new photographs, "West Pier," (2006) of the silently deteriorating structure on the Brighton coast.

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