

For Immediate Release:

## **THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WANTED**

### **4 Artists, 4 Galleries, 1 BIG Show**

July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Opening: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Altman Siegel, Fraenkel Gallery and John Berggruen Gallery  
6 – 8 p.m. Ratio 3

Altman Siegel Gallery is pleased to announce **THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WANTED**, a collaborative exhibition between four galleries, John Berggruen Gallery, Fraenkel Gallery, Ratio 3 and Altman Siegel. For this special exhibition, each gallery has selected an artist from their program to curate a show using the programs of the participating galleries as inspiration. The show at Altman Siegel is curated by, Los Angeles based photographer, Shannon Ebner. The other curators are Robert Bechtle for John Berggruen, Katy Grannan for Fraenkel Gallery, and Jordan Kantor for Ratio 3. This exhibition exemplifies the views of each of the four artists/curators as illustrated by the unique vision expressed in each iteration of the exhibition, and will create one unified city-wide event for the summer. The exhibition at Altman Siegel will be on view from July 1st through August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Shannon Ebner's exhibition at Altman Siegel Gallery is focused around the idea that reality is comprised of basic units, and illustrated works that express their existence outside the locality of time and place. Ebner has chosen to highlight work that showcases a purposeful lack of specificity so that objects and images are reduced to elements, units, and denominators. By juxtaposing basic structures and timeless forms Ebner creates a picture that approximates the fullness of reality. This exhibition features the work of Lutz Bacher, Bernd and Hilla Becher, Fletcher Benton, Iran Do Espirito Santo, Lee Friedlander, Sam Gordon, Jordan Kantor, Sol LeWitt, Agnes Martin, Tom Otterness, Will Rogan, Ed Ruscha, and Steve Wolfe.

Artists whose work are seen across the four galleries include Robert Adams, Diane Arbus, EJ Bellocq, Alighiero e Boetti, Miriam Bohm, Vija Celmins, Gregory Crewdson, Jim Dine, Maureen Gallace, Isca Greenfield-Sanders, Charley Harper, Peter Hujar, Matt Keegan, Los Carpinteros, Henri Wessel, Barry McGee, Tom McKinley, Richard McLean, Richard Misrach, Takeshi Murata, Manuel Neri, Trevor Paglen, Mitzi Pederson, Robert Rauschenberg, Linda Ridgway, Sara VanDerBeek, Garth Weiser, Rachel Whiteread, William Wiley, Paul Wonner and others.

Altman Siegel Gallery is located at 49 Geary Street, 4th floor, San Francisco.  
Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, & Saturday 11:00 am - 5:30 pm.  
Altman Siegel will be closed for summer holiday from August 9 – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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