

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Chris Johanson**

*This, This, This, That*

June 3 – July 30, 2011 Opening reception June 3, 6-9 p.m.  
The band *Sun Foot* will perform live at the opening.

This, This, This makes That

You are in a body  
the body is on this planet and in the middle of space

you think about that  
a lot

Things happen  
all the time

what are you going to do about it  
your heart keeps beating  
it must be a sign

it is certainly certain  
that it is happening, that you are thinking,  
your heart is beating,  
and that you are in a body with your feet connected to the ground

the ground that makes plants and life  
you can see it certainly is a living world  
and you are part of it  
beating with it right now

There is a sound that is all around made from everything  
it is a gentle lullaby  
it puts you to sleep  
after a day with its imperfections and things to be grateful for  
it will swim around with the beat of your heart as you let the day go and slow everything down

And I don't know  
not you, not me  
Everything, Everything

And there is more ahead and more behind  
because time goes both ways for all time

If anyone has any questions about why I would write this poem for my press release or about the connection between these words and the way in which I fill up the space to make the physical poem of the show and why I would want to do all the work leading up to this exhibit (all of which I call magic) I will be at the opening and would definitely be very happy to discuss with anyone.

Be well,  
Chris Johanson Los Angeles May 12, 2011

Chris Johanson (b. 1968) lives and works in Los Angeles, CA and Portland, OR. Recent exhibitions include the Malmo Museum, Vancouver Art Gallery, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, SITE Santa Fe, SFMOMA, San Francisco, and UCLA Hammer Museum, LA. Johanson's work has been included in group exhibitions such as *Beautiful Losers* which toured extensively, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Deste Foundation, Athens, MOMA, NY, New Museum, NY, the Whitney Biennial, NY the 8th Istanbul Biennial, and the 4th Berlin Biennial.

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