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BEHROUZ RAE

September 4 – October 3, 2009

Opening Reception

Friday, September 4, 2009

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Basel 4052

Opening hours

Tue – Fri 1 – 6 pm

Sat 12 – 5 pm

The Laleh June Galerie is very pleased to announce its upcoming exhibition, the first solo exhibition by Behrouz Rae. This will mark Rae's first solo exhibition at the gallery and the artist's first time major gallery exhibition in Switzerland.

Born in Sumgait in 1979, lives and works in Tehran, Behrouz Rae has left Azerbaijan for Iran in early 1980s. Hence after his mother's departure to the US, his initiation to drawing and photography began. These works quickly confirmed his talent. This period was the beginning of the exploration of the themes that would be further developed in his later drawings, photographs, videos and installations. Behrouz Rae uses drawings, photographs and installations to articulate autobiographical intimacies. He uses his art as a means of self-emancipation, of therapeutic release, through which he can express the trauma of his turbulent childhood.

Rae's exhibition at the Laleh June Galerie, presents across different media his self-emancipation. Drawings, photographs and installations from a series entitled IN BIMESTER WE TRUST. Bimester (In Bimester we Trust) focuses on the subjects of psychological dissociation and the alter ego. The work describes the heroic illusions of the past, and his fascination with psychology and the French psychoanalyst, Jacques Lacan.

The opening will be on Friday, September 4, 2009 from 6pm to 8 pm. You are cordially invited to meet with the artist. We are pleased to provide you with visual material on request; Laleh Bazargan Harandi (info@lalehjune.com).

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the exhibition and thank you for your interest.

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