

Sean Kelly Gallery

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## REBECCA HORN

*Cosmic Maps* May 3-June 14, 2008



Sean Kelly Gallery is delighted to announce *Cosmic Maps*, a major exhibition of new work by Rebecca Horn. The opening of the exhibition will take place on Friday, May 2nd from 6pm until 8pm. The artist will be present.

Rebecca Horn's exhibition will be comprised of both new large-scale paintings on paper and a group of signature sculptures. These important new paintings, the scale of which are determined by the extent of the artist's physical reach, evoke personal, metaphorical, and metaphysical influences orchestrated through dynamic gesture. The new paintings on paper clearly relate to Horn's seminal early performance pieces in which she sculpturally extended the body into space. In an accompanying catalog essay, Doris von Drathen explains: "Against this backdrop, the paintings on paper assembled here under the title *Cosmic Maps* are more than just 'recent works.' As a group, these paintings from the last few years plot oscillations, for the first time opening out

a pictorial space that hazards to sever all connection to topographical space...."

Rebecca Horn (born in Germany, 1944), is without question one of the seminal artists of our time. Historically her work has ranged over an extensive variety of media, including film, performance, installation, photography and sculpture, whilst addressing themes of corporeality, perception and philosophy. The employment of such wide ranging interests as science and alchemy, the rational and the intuitive, the mechanical and the sensual, has occurred repeatedly in her work over the last three decades and resulted in one of the most distinguished and individual oeuvres in recent memory. Horn has participated in the Venice Biennale on a number of occasions; she has had a retrospective at The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York and is one of very few artists who has been selected to participate in Documenta on four separate occasions.

To coincide with this exhibition the gallery, in conjunction with Charta, has published an important new monograph titled *Rebecca Horn: Cosmic Maps*, with a text by Doris von Drathen. This artist's book features color reproductions of all the paintings on paper from this series as well as rare images of the artist working in her studio. The artist will be available to sign copies of the publication at the opening of the exhibition on May 2nd.

Horn's work is included in major public collections worldwide including: The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; The Museum of Modern Art, New York; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, Castello di Rivoli Museum of Contemporary Art, Turin, Italy; the Tate Gallery, London; the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco; the Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris; the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam; the Van Abbe Museum, Eindhoven and many others.

Please contact Maureen Bray at 212.239.1181 or [maureen@skny.com](mailto:maureen@skny.com) for more information. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11am until 6pm and Saturday 10am until 6pm.