

SHERRY FRUMKIN GALLERY

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EXHIBITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Jack Butler

Kulture/Culture

April 29th – June 10th, 2006

Reception for the artist: Saturday, April 29th, from 5 – 8 pm



Sherry Frumkin Gallery is pleased to announce a solo exhibition of new work by **Jack Butler**. The exhibition opens with a reception for the artist on Saturday, April 29th from 5 to 8 pm and continues through June 10th, 2006.

While many artists choose to take the money and run, Los Angeles artist Jack Butler chose to explore something new with his City of Los Angeles COLA grant. Armed with a pinhole camera and additional support from Polaroid, he set out to capture the hotrod car culture that has fascinated him since boyhood.

Butler's homage to this "kulture" is a reflection of his respect for the do-it-yourself attitude of the early hotrod enthusiasts. For him, there is no "high" or "low" in this art -- just the love of creating something unique and individual and the spirit of adventure that all good artists share. This "attitude" is what first attracted him and why he wanted to document it. His choice of the "old school" super wide-angle pinhole camera gives him the ability to emphasize and monumentalize the exaggerated gestures of the hot-rodder who pose for him with their meticulously handmade cars.

Like other contemporary practitioners - hotrod builder or "fine" artist - with new technologies at hand, Butler is able to push his medium to new levels. He accomplishes this by scanning the Polaroid images created with the pinhole camera into the computer to create exquisite large-scale digitally produced images.

This is Jack Butler's third solo exhibition with Sherry Frumkin. He is professor of art at California State University since 1988 and while a dedicated teacher, has actively exhibited his work both in the United States and internationally. His work is in the permanent collection of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Seattle Art Museum, the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, the Graham and Susan Nash Collection, Polaroid and many others.