Press release:

TO BE POLITICAL IT HAS TO LOOK NICE

October 11 - November 8, 2003
Opening Reception, Saturday, October 11, 5 -10 pm
featuring performances by Carolina Caycedo, Los Super Elegantes and Pedro Reyes

Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 pm: Gallery talk by curator Pablo León de la Barra

a curatorial project by
Pablo León de la Barra
with
Armando Andrade
B-Lo (Beatriz López)
Erick Beltrán
Stefan Brüggemann
Fernando Bryce
Miguel Calderón/
Papi Paga Productions
Carolina Caycedo/
Day to Day
El Chino Ediciones
Eduardo Consuegra
Galería Chilena
(Joe Villablanca,
Felipe Mujica, and
Diego Fernández)
M777
Mauricio Guillén
Helena Producciones
Larregui-Laguerre
Olho Sao Paolo
Sebastián Ramírez
Pedro Reyes
Los Super Elegantes
(Milena Muzquiz and
Martiniano López-Crozet)
Javier Téllez
El Vicio

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TO BE POLITICAL IT HAS TO LOOK NICE presents a few intersections and distinctions in recent contemporary cultural production from Latin America while questioning the stereotypes and clichés of what is normally understood as art from this region, some lying in their country of origin, some based abroad. Without pretending to represent any total overview, the works presented in the exhibition exist in the intersection between the political and the aesthetical, the cheap and the informal, the serious and the ironic. The works are informed more by their relation with their urban-socio-economical-political-cultural-linguistic context than with art historical production. The works in the exhibition will be presented within a space which will resemble something like a tropical-anarchist social club, a momentary space of convergence for a constellation of practices.

with a satellite at Art in General, 79 Walker Street

Pablo León de la Barra, (lives and works in London, born in Mexico City 1972) is an artist and curator. He is also co-director of 24/7 Projects in London with Beatriz López and Sebastián Ramírez. Pablo León de la Barra was selected by Carlos Basualdo, one of apexart’s International Directors.

A full color brochure containing an essay by Pablo León de la Barra will be available free of charge.

Please contact apexart for further information.

Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11-6.

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