

Disastrous: Heather Rasmussen "Solo Show"
November 29 - December 7, 2008
Reception: Saturday, November 29, 8-11pm

Disastrous consists of two works, brought together from completely different aspects of one practice. The pairing of these works speaks of an exact visual moment where a specific disaster strikes. In the case of the sinking cargo containers, the event is literal, describing the loss of cargo off a ship sinking into a river. The drawing represents the containers as forms of color and shape, being lost into a sea of white paper. "Sinking, Disappearing" is from an ongoing series of investigations of cargo loss, shown through drawings and photographs of shipping container casualties found on the internet.

The photograph in the Hoh rainforest depicts a different type of disaster, not of actual time or place, but a physical catastrophe to piece of film itself. Speaking to the practice and integrity of photography, the film captures a moment unseen by the photographer in the place and time the photograph was taken. Only until after the film was processed and printed did the image reveal itself to the viewer. The streaking brightness of light penetrates through the forest and onto the film, as if the forest were so dense that the light made extreme efforts to shine through.

In 2008 Heather Rasmussen had a three person show in conjunction with the Confederacy of Creative Ephemera at Circus Gallery in Hollywood, CA and was also included in the exhibition *Salty Dog Bites the Hand*, Curated by Allan Sekula at the Angels Gate Cultural Center in San Pedro, CA. In 2007 she was chosen for *Fast Forward*, an exhibition showcasing recent graduates from Los Angeles MFA programs, curated by Simon Watson. In December, Heather will participate in *Anonymous Drawings Nr. 9*, in Berlin, and will continue her work with archiving collections on the WWII Ship, The Lane Victory and seeking out disasters in vast seas and forests.

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