

Long Beach Museum of Art

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LONG BEACH MUSEUM OF ART WILL PARTICIPATE IN SOUNDWALK 2008 AS A HOST SITE

LONG BEACH (August 4, 2008) – The Long Beach Museum of Art will participate in SoundWalk 2008 by hosting the work of artist Gary Raymond. SoundWalk is an annual day-long collaborative Sound-Art exhibition centered in the Arts District of downtown Long Beach. The Long Beach Museum of Art, however, will present four works by Raymond for a three week period between September 16 and October 5, 2008. For this year's event, the members of FLOOD (the artist collective responsible for organizing SoundWalk) sought to expand the impact of SoundWalk by collaborating with other Long Beach arts organizations outside the immediate downtown area. In addition to the Long Beach Museum of Art, the University Art Museum and MoLAA will also be hosting SoundWalk artists.

Each of Gary Raymond's works on exhibit at the Long Beach Museum of Art is designed to blend in to its surroundings, but upon closer inspection reveals a unique interactive audio experience. *Wishing Con Du It*, for example, appears at first glance, to be a typical water main gate valve. As the viewer approaches, however, sounds of water, frogs and the voice of Snow White emanate.

Dates, Hours and Admission

Access to experience the four works is free. Three of the works will be located outdoors and one will be situated in the lobby of the main gallery building. The works will be available from September 16 through October 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

About the Artist

An exhibiting Sound-Artist since 2001, Gary Raymond first explored Sound-Art in 1979 with an "Audio Playground" design for Disneyland's 360 degree theatre pre-show. In the 1980's Raymond experimented with electronic music composer Steve Roach in the presentation of abstract music for public spaces. Gary's current work combines familiar objects and sounds in unexpected juxtapositions in order to create unfamiliar feelings in the viewer.

About the Long Beach Museum of Art

Located on a magnificent bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the Long Beach Museum of Art features an historic mansion and carriage house, modern galleries and gardens, oceanfront dining at Claire's at the Museum and a unique Museum Store. The galleries and store are open Tuesday – Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Claire's at the Museum is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday – Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Gallery admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors age 62 and older, free for Museum members and children under 12, and free for everyone on Friday. For more information, call (562) 439-2119 or visit www.lbma.org.

Images (top to bottom): *Wishing Con Du It*, 2005, steel and plastic pipe, portable CD player, and amplified speakers; *He He*, 2008, helium tank and internal sound system; *Outside the Box*, 2007, wood crate, microphone, mixer, amplified speaker; *Up Periscope*, 2006, concrete, aluminum pipe, glass, portable CD player, amplified speakers.

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