

Rob McKenzie and Kain Picken *Integrated World Capitalism*

Opening

Thursday 8th June 6pm – 8pm

Exhibition Dates

8th – 28th June 2006

Sutton Gallery is stepping out of its white cube into the **X** this June, by introducing a new collaboration by two of Melbourne's most interesting younger artists to emerge through Melbourne's publishing and artist-run initiative scenes. **Kain Picken**, a member of TCB Art Inc, and **Rob McKenzie**, founding publisher of "Slave", will extend past collaborative projects, including the Adelaide Biennial and exhibitions at TCB, and CLUBSproject Inc, with a new exhibition at Sutton Gallery. It will further their explorations of the spontaneous, the politically charged, and historically engaged, including Felix Guattari, from whom the title of "Integrated World Capitalism" is borrowed.

Rob McKenzie and **Kain Picken** command the space with paintings, videos, borrowed imagery, political motivations and ideological persuasions. On the gallery walls hang a series of **X** paintings, depicting a symbol of resistance, one that suggests a negative stand can represent a positive position, and an active alternative in moving forward. A series of video works presented, discussing ways of living, interacting and implied political quotients. All works will stimulate reception as the artists attempt to endorse liberal values and, in their words, "the sleeping beast of liberationist politics".

McKenzie and **Picken** are creative thinkers, energetic participants and engaging artists/writers enjoying their positions of current provocateurs. They have worked on a wide range of exhibitions and projects, and will follow their exhibition with us with a collaboration at The Physics Room, Christchurch, New Zealand, alongside Paris-based art duo Claire Fontaine and the activist organisation, "Food Not Bombs".

We do not often step outside the focus of the representation of selected artists, thus are pleased to be extending the opportunity to perhaps a new audience to **Rob McKenzie** and **Kain Picken's** work, and hope that you get to see the show.

Please contact Sutton Gallery for further information.