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76 GRAND STREET NEW YORK NY 10013



***JULIA CHIANG & RYAN McGINNESS***

## **Dream Garden**

**June 29 - July 27, 2002**

**Opening Saturday June 29, 6-9pm**

A collaboration between Julia Chiang and Ryan McGinness opens on June 29, 2002 at Deitch Projects 76 Grand Street. They have created a fantastical and absurd dream garden of life and love where all and nothing exist. In this world of paradox, life gives birth to superficiality while superficiality breeds itself. The space is a hybrid of flatness and dimension where everything is a product of itself.

*Dream Garden* is a lush environment that is ripe and intoxicating. The imagery combines everyday graphic signs with personalized iconography in order to form a new vocabulary. A non-linear, non-narrative story is created where every element is tied to every other element in a self-supporting organic web. The compositions are formed from a mixture of past memories and childhood experiences and brought into a new tale of ideals and fantasies about life and love.

Alice found her Wonderland and Cinderella met her Prince. In *Dream Garden* one can cultivate love, see a bird sing a love song, watch rainbows form, and experience the cycle of life as bees pollinate flowers. The garden is a lucid dream environment that follows a tradition of storytelling where the beginning

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leads to an end, only Chiang and McGinness's end is just another beginning where possibilities take multiple forms.

Julia Chiang recently returned from a sculpture fellowship at the Vermont Studio Center. In 2001 she was an invited artist at HAP clay studios in Beijing. Last fall she was included in the group exhibition *To Market to Market* at the Rotunda Gallery in Brooklyn, NY. Julia Chiang currently lives and works in New York City.

Ryan McGinness received critical acclaim in 1999 for his first book, *flatnessisgod*. Since then, three additional books of his work have been published: *luxurygood* (alife, NYC), *vocabularytest* (Joseph Silvestro Gallery, NYC), and *pieceofmind* (Colette, Paris). McGinness's new book, *flatnessisgodREDUX* will be published this fall by Kill Your Idols and Gingko Press. Also published this fall will be a catalog of his work by Gasbook in Japan. McGinness has exhibited throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia and currently lives and works in NYC.

Please feel free to contribute to the garden. Come and plant the enclosed seed sticker and add to the growth and development of the installation.

There will be a live band (One Ring Zero) at the opening reception on June 29, 2002 6-9pm.

**GALLERY HOURS 12-6, TUESDAY – SATURDAY  
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