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STEVE POWERS MY LIST OF DEMANDS June 25 - August 7, 2004 76 Grand Street

Deitch Projects is pleased to present My List Of Demands, an exhibition of new works by Steve Powers. Powers creates paintings based on the visual marginalia of the world; T-shirt graphics, cartoons, religious tracts, advertising illustration, and graffiti. Powers uses these base elements of visual communication to depict the issues at the core of the human experience; Love, hate, desire, insecurity, jealousy, frustration and revelation are all encapsulated in a direct mode of communication Powers calls Emotional Response Icons.

The Emotional Response Icons are recording who we are in a visual language that is easy to disseminate to the public. Powers likens what he does to emotional cave painting, visually summing up humanity and relaying the summation in easy-to-grasp, easy-to-recall pictures. Reflecting the overload zeitgeist, The paintings are full to the frames with a wide range of concerns, from regret to the ridiculous.

The exhibition will also include a partially scripted documentary video called Espo Runs The Show. It's partially a satire of the self-promotional documentary Diddy Runs The City (about Sean Combs preparing for the New York City Marathon), and a homage to low budget sitcoms like The Honeymooners. It stars Steve Powers as an artist preparing for a show by avoiding doing any work for it, and Jeffrey Deitch as a violent art dealer who hires a hustler named Got That Gary to motivate Steve into getting his show together.

Steve Powers is a West Philadelphia native that has lived and worked in Manhattan for 10 years. He

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has shown with Deitch Projects twice before; First with Barry McGee and Todd James for the Street Market exhibition, and then with the large group exhibition Session The Bowl. This is his first solo show in New York.

The exhibition coincides with Steve Powers's participation in The Dreamland Artist Club; a project in Coney Island organized by Creative Time for which 20 artists have made free hand painted signs for carnival concessions.

**GALLERY HOURS 12-6, TUESDAY – SATURDAY
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