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DAMIEN HIRST: NEW WORKS

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Tuesday - Saturday 11:00 - 5:00
at Regen Projects

Regen Projects is pleased to announce the premiere exhibition of British artist **Damien Hirst** in Los Angeles. Hirst is one of the foremost young artists to have emerged in England over recent years. Born in 1965 and graduated four years ago from Goldsmith's College, Hirst has already made an auspicious debut with his work: a fourteen foot tiger shark suspended in a tank of formaldehyde ("The Physical Impossibility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living"); the recreation of an insect life-cycle where maggots are bred and feed off a rotting cow's head, then precedingly are zapped by an insectocutor ("A Thousand Years"); a two-part installation where pupae are hatched into an artificially heated room and immolate themselves onto blank canvases, the bloody carcasses decorating the floor and the idealized version in a separate room, where Malaysian butterflies are embedded in monochrome, colorful canvases ("In and Out of Love"); his fingerprint "Dot" paintings and medicine cabinets; as well as large, stately vitrines like "The Acquired Inability to Escape."

Hirst's work is dramatic, combining a use of the conceptual and formal with a penchant for narrative. In his upcoming show **Hirst** will unveil a new body of paintings from the "Happy" series, the candy-coated, brushy paintings are an extension of the "Dot" paintings on hallucinogenics. Hirst will also exhibit several installational sculptures with his usual flair for materials.

Damien Hirst has exhibited in solo exhibitions at the ICA in London, the Cohen Gallery, NY, and Jay Chiat's, NY. He is currently in the "Aperto" section of the Venice Biennale, and was seen in "Young British Artists," the Saatchi Collection, London among numerous other group shows, as well as being short-listed for the Turner Prize last year.

An opening reception for the artist will be held on Thursday, July 1st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Regen Projects. For further information please contact Stuart Regen or Shaun Caley at (310) 276-5424.