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SAM TAYLOR-WOOD: "SUSTAINING THE CRISIS," 1997

December 6 - January 17, 1998
Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 - 5pm
Opening: Saturday, December 6, from 7-9pm

Regen Projects is pleased to announce the U.S. premiere exhibition of British artist, **Sam Taylor-Wood**. **Taylor-Wood** will present a new film installation entitled *Sustaining the Crisis*. This new work consists of two films projected on opposite walls of the gallery. A male and a female figure stand isolated in the film frame, each projecting a psychological space which spans the gallery and unites the two subjects in their various physical and emotional states.

Taylor-Wood's film installations and photographs engage classic cinematic moments, revealing gestures of emotions ranging from general ennui to extreme emotional excess. Fusing static, Warhol-like, minimalist performances and intense cathartic moments from Method-influenced cinema (Cassavetes, Scorsese, Ferrara, etc.), **Taylor-Wood** explores authenticity and the boundaries of performance.

Daniel Birnbaum writes, "Whereas a number of the contemporary artists forsaking canvas for celluloid have produced rather traditional films, **Sam Taylor-Wood** merges cinematic sensibility and technique with the particularities of photography and videomaking to create an oddball art-film hybrid."

Sam Taylor-Wood's work has been exhibited internationally including solo exhibitions at White Cube/Jay Jopling in London, Gallerie Andreas Brandstrom in Stockholm, and Sala Montcada de la Fundacio "la Caixa" in Barcelona. **Taylor-Wood** has also been included in group exhibitions at the 1997 and 1995 Venice Biennale, "Manifesta 1" at the Boymans van Beuningen in Rotterdam, "Sensation" at the Royal Academy in London, and "Brilliant! New Art from London" at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis. **Taylor-Wood** currently lives and works in London.

An opening reception for the artist will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Regen Projects. For further information please contact Stuart Regen or Shaun Caley at (310) 276-5424.

UPCOMING :

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January 24 - February 28, 1998