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RAYMOND PETTIBON: "MAKING BOOK"

6 November - 4 December 1993

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10-5

Closing exhibition reception on Saturday, December 4, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Regen Projects is pleased to present new works by **Raymond Pettibon**. The exhibit consists of original artist books by **Pettibon** displayed on a library table, as well as two books presented as separate pages on the wall. One of the wall works relates to "The Holy Bible," the other is comprised of the scarlett letter "A." The show also includes quotations written directly on the wall, primarily borrowed from letters by Cicero relating to library slaves and a classical appreciation for letters.

Pettibon, known primarily for his pen and ink drawings, has worked in various media from video, to painting, to xeroxed chapbooks, and original artist books. In "Making Book," **Pettibon** develops various narratives borrowing texts from sources as diverse as Henry James's essays and reviews, Walter Pater, Saint John of the Cross, John Ruskin, as well as his own writing. **Pettibon** recontextualizes the word by illuminating various passages and combining them with sometime bold graphic imagery, woodcut-like drawings, images mannered after Hispanic dime-store comic books, and so on. The merging of the highly literary and the Pop renders **Pettibon's** singular artwork. With an exquisite sense of the reader **Pettibon** stands somewhere between the nutty professor, illuminating and highlighting texts in explosive combinations--and that of the romantic poet, his own notes scrawled endlessly on napkins, receipts, half-burnt sheets of paper.

Through the medium of the book **Pettibon** exhibits his exquisite and vast knowledge of letters in conjunction with his visual skills. **Pettibon's** role as artist coincides with that of intertextual barometer, merging and condensing history into the present. The process of the book, ongoing and labor-intensive as it is, concurs with the exhibition which will be presented in its final form on the evening of Saturday, December 4th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

For further information call Shaun Caley or Stuart Regen at the gallery.

Please join Regen Projects and **Raymond Pettibon** on Saturday, December 4th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm for the closing reception of the exhibition "Making Book."