

COLEMAN BURKE GALLERY @ PORT CITY MUSIC HALL
504 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04101

Gregory Witt *Cloud*

September 4 – October 30, 2009



Cloud (2009), Styrofoam Insulation and Mixed Media, 144" W x 96"D x 98"H

Coleman Burke Gallery is pleased to present "Cloud," a kinetic sculptural installation by Gregory Witt. All are invited to an opening reception for the installation on Friday, September 4, from 5-8 pm (First Friday Artwalk). The show is being presented at Coleman Burke Gallery @ Port City Music Hall, 504 Congress Street, Portland. The exhibition continues through October 30th.

About the Art

Combining elements of high and low tech as well as old and new tech, Witt's pieces are droll twists on familiar categories and frames of reference, with a

playful but illuminating sense of the absurd. As the artist writes, "with my recent sculptures, I've been building familiar but unlikely versions of mostly normal stuff. Employing processes and materials from carpentry, robotics and video, I aim to create closed systems where my built instances of everyday things can function for themselves."

To see more work by Gregory Witt, including a Quicktime movie of "Cloud," go to: www.gregorywitt.com

About the Artist

After receiving his MFA degree from Carnegie Mellon University in May, 2009, Witt attended the Skowhegan School of Painting & Drawing this past summer. Witt lives and works in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Following short-lived majors ranging from computer science to philosophy, Greg spent most of his near-decade-long undergraduate career at Indiana University building boats and bicycles and digging in the trash, eventually earning a BFA in sculpture in 2005. Apart from the occasional river trip, Greg has spent most of the last five years making electromechanical sculptures that expose unseen realities and ridiculous fantasies of real and made-up natures.

About the Gallery

Coleman Burke Gallery @ Port City Music Hall is the Portland branch of Coleman Burke Gallery, which also hosts a site-specific installation space in Brunswick, Maine, and a gallery of contemporary art in New York City. Working in conjunction with Port City Music Hall, our Portland branch is a window display gallery, featuring work that's intended to enhance both the music hall and the public space on Congress Street, one of Portland's major thoroughfares.

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