

SKYDIVE

Art Space Presents

Butterflies Shift North Solo Exhibition by Susan Chen

January 6 – 31, 2009



Special performance by local musicians Chin Xaou Ti Won, 9 pm opening night.

SKYDIVE is pleased to announce a solo exhibition by Susan Chen. Originally from Houston, Chen is based in San Francisco. The show will open January 6 and continue through January 31, 2009, with an opening reception Tuesday, January 6 from 7-10. Chin Xaou Ti Won will give a special performance at 9pm.

Susan Chen presents a new installation using a unique combination of panoramic painting, projected video, and sculpture. Chen's practice is inspired by 19th century Romantic painting of the sublime landscape and the mythical notion of Arctic Eden, the tropical paradise in the middle of a world of frozen oceans and glaciers. Chen states, "Leftover visual memories stemming from Caspar David Friedrich and John Martin get filtered through stories and pulp fiction from Jules Verne and sci-fi to movies and TV shows like "Lost". Islands and the arctic regions are my riffing point. These symbolic places for transformation are disappearing and once again the weather or nature has sublime power in its original sense of awesomeness and possible destruction of the viewer." Chen has created a large-scale panoramic experience of a futuristic landscape in the Skydive space.

SKYDIVE utilizes an open and collaborative model for producing its programming. It consists of a group of artists and curators that function as advisors to help create shows, invite artists, and collaborate in the programming of the space.