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HVCCA to present performance and gallery talk with artist

JONATHAN MEESE

Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 12:00 – 2:00pm



Jonathan Meese, Fort Knox, mixed media on canvas, 144 x 236", Courtesy of Private Collection (NY)

Peekskill NY — The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art will present a performance and gallery talk with world renowned artist Jonathan Meese on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Meese is a German painter, sculptor, performance artist and installation artist based in Berlin and Hamburg. His 20 foot mixed media exploration entitled "Fort Knox" is featured in HVCCA's current exhibition Size Matters: XXL – recent large scale paintings. Organized by HVCCA founder Marc Straus, the exhibition includes 31 artists from 9 countries and will be on view through Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

\$5 Adults \$4 Seniors/Educators \$2 Students/Children FREE HVCCA Members

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#### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Jonathan Meese was born in 1970 in Tokyo and lives and works in Berlin and Hamburg. He began his career as a painter and then extended his practice and mainly dedicated himself to installation and performance. The trancelike state which he obtains during his performances has allowed him to explore new realms and realities. In the last two years Meese has had solo shows at La Caixa, Barcelona, Kunstraum Innsbruck, The Essl Museum in Vienna, De Appel Centre for Contemporary Art, Amsterdam and Staatliche Kunsthalle Karlsruhe. In addition, he has shown at the Louisiana Museum, MAGASIN Center in Grenoble and Deichtorhallen, Hamburg. He performed in Wagner's Parsifal in Berlin. Jonathan Meese is represented by Bortolami Gallery, New York and Contemporary Fine Arts, Berlin.

#### ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

Size Matters: XXL – recent large-scale paintings thru July 27, 2008

Featuring: Janis Avotins, Tjebbe Beekman, Mark Bradford, Daniel Buren, Mike Cloud, Francesca DiMattio, Caroll Dunham, Tim Eitel, Zhang Enli, Alexander Esters, Bendix Harms, Christian Hellmich, Anton Henning, Richard Jackson, Kristina Jansson, Aaron Johnson, Toba Khedoori, Uwe Kowski, Sven Kroner, Tala Madani, Jonathan Meese, John Newsom, Yan Pei-Ming, Ryan Pierce, Ulf Puder, Neo Rauch, Christoph Ruckhaberle, Pierre Soulages, Erik van Lieshout, Tom Wesselmann, Toby Ziegler

#### ABOUT HVCCA

The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art opened to the public in June 2004. Founded by the Marc and Livia Straus family, the not-for-profit center is dedicated to the development and presentation of new art, exhibits and interdisciplinary programs that enrich our understanding of contemporary art, its contexts, and its relationships to societal issues. The Center is committed to the enrichment of Peekskill, a multicultural community that has recreated itself as a major center for art and culture. HVCCA operates a 12,000 square foot exhibition space in Peekskill and is the primary sponsor of the Peekskill Project, an annual, city-wide exhibition of site-specific artwork.

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