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TROUPE DE FETISHE
Crane Arts, Ice Box Project Space
October 6, 2010 – October 31, 2010
Reception: Thursday, October 14, 6-9pm

Opening in October 2010 at the Crane Arts, Ice Box Project Space, *Troupe de Fetishe*, an experimental, large-scale video installation, explores the fetishistic desire to understand reality through mediated imagery. With its impressive visuals and dark yet quirky narrative, *Troupe de Fetishe* addresses the role digital technology plays in the fabrication and control of constructed realities.



Troupe de Fetishe tells the story of Oskar Vanderwold, an eccentric “tinkerer” who manipulates and cares for a troupe of flea circus performers. His ornate flea circus is a hand constructed miniature model that fits inside an antique cigar box. It is a macabre world of surreal spectacle, adorned with a series of miniature circus attractions complete with chariots, a trapeze swing, a high dive, and ring of fire.



Throughout the piece, detailed images of the circus reveal information about Vanderwold. The closer our view becomes, the more details we gather about his character but also the more difficult it becomes to believe the authenticity of the spectacle he has created.

Troupe de Fetishe was custom designed for the new video system in the Ice Box Project Space. With a 100 ft. wide by 22 ft. tall projection canvas, the space creates a unique, immersive viewing experience. At this impressive scale, *Troupe de Fetishe* features the **largest flea circus in the world!**

The **4.7:1** aspect ratio of the projection canvas results in an extreme panoramic frame. The most common aspect ratios used today in the presentation of films are 1.85:1 and 2.39:1. The composition and editing techniques used in *Troupe de Fetishe* were highly influenced by this characteristic, resulting in a site specific stylized piece.

Troupe de Fetishe is a collaborative project, co-directed by three Philadelphia based artists, Lisa Marie Patzer, Ian Markiewicz, and Doris (Chia-Ching) Lin, and stars Robert Smythe, founder and Artistic Director of Mum Puppettheatre. Details regarding the project can be found at www.troupedefetishe.com

Suggested Listing:

Troupe de Fetishe

The Icebox Project Space, Crane Arts
1400 N. American Street
Philadelphia, PA 19122
215.232.3203
October 6th – 31st, 2010
Hours: Wednesday – Friday, 12 – 6pm
Reception: October 14th from 6 – 9pm

For more information and digital images:

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