

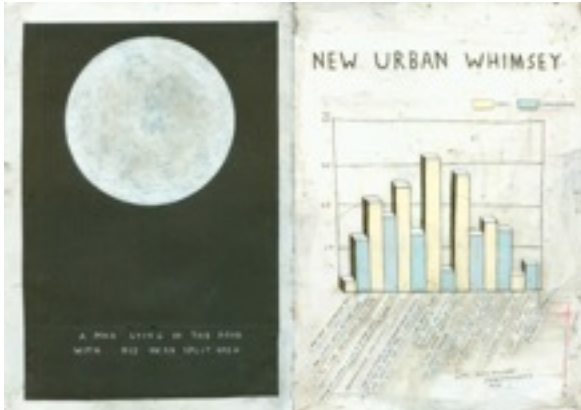
JACK HANLEY GALLERY

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Jack Hanley Gallery, San Francisco

Opening Reception, Thursday, October 13, 2005, 6-9pm



In 395 Valencia:

Simon Evans: *In the Country of Uncles*

In 389 Valencia:

Ed Loftus: *Everything I know about sharks.*

The Jack Hanley Gallery is pleased to present two exhibitions of works on paper by **Simon Evans** and **Ed Loftus**.

London-based artist **Simon Evans** is well known in the Bay Area after spending 12 years in San Francisco. During his stay, Evans went from his first show in 2002 in the back room at Adobe Books to winning the SFMoMA's *SECA* award in 2005. Known for his detailed and obsessively layered works on paper comprised solely of correction fluid, scotch tape and paper, Evans' new work is harvested directly from a sketchbook, creating a narrative or travel log from one end of the room to the other. Inspired by writers such as Robert Owens, Raymond Carver, and Jonathon Swift, and post-punk bands such as The Fall, the text, which is the focal point of his work, lies between Heraclitean fragments and caustic song lyrics. Evans' work has been included in group shows nationally at Andrew Kreps Gallery in New York, and the Orange County Museum of Art's *California Biennial* and will be featured in two upcoming solo shows at the Aspen Art Museum in December, 2005 and at LFL Gallery in New York in 2006.

Ed Loftus, originally from London, and more recently based in Berkeley, creates works on paper in excruciating detail, which almost defies logic. Based on images from childhood memories, the graphite drawings evoke the feeling one gets while looking through a photo album. Infused with meaning, the images while almost technically perfect evoke a familiar and nostalgic pathos. Loftus has been featured in group exhibitions in San Francisco and New York.

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