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HEARNE PARDEE

AVAILABLE LIGHT

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Opening reception November 9th, 6 – 8pm

The Library at Central Booking, 21 Ludlow Street, New York, NY 10002

The Library at Central Booking is pleased to present Hearne Pardee's Available Light, in which the artist extends his investigation of how we learn to feel at home in our surroundings. Having worked on sites from the Lower East Side of New York to the island of New Caledonia in the South Pacific, Pardee now concentrates on his local environment in Davis, California, where he explores the real and imaginary spaces of a neighborhood park.

Following the circuit of a running track around the park, he uses multiple frames and abstracted color patches to establish an expanded visual field, moving beyond the limited eye-point of classical perspective. By drawing from videos made while circling the park, he investigates how the pictorial field is generated, using collage and drawing to introduce time and movement into the frame of the image. Updating the pastoral theme traditionally associated with parks, the planes of collaged colors generate references to the figure and emphasize the inherently political character of public spaces.

The show includes studies for a public commission in suburban Sacramento, where Pardee's combination of vernacular images and abstracted patches of color will foster visual engagement with the everyday context of a new neighborhood.

About Hearne Pardee

Pardee's work grows from his long-term interest in American modernism, particularly in the Stieglitz group, who believed that American artists needed to learn to look at their surroundings without European conventions, to overcome an alienation from nature inherited from the Puritan tradition.

Pardee has been exhibiting in New York and nationally since 1978 and has been reviewed in *ARTnews* and *Art In America*. He has written articles and reviews in *Art in America*, *ARTnews*, *The Partisan Review*, *The Brooklyn Rail*, and *artcritical.com*. <http://www.hearnepardee.com>

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