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Genre Visual Art Opening
Event Dowsing for Failure
Place 510 Fort St.
Date Friday, November 24
Time 8pm
Admission free

Open Space has a reputation for addressing unexpected topics. *Dowsing for Failure* is the latest in a series of projects that extend visual art practices. Curated and “dowsed” by Victoria-based artists and theorists Doug Jarvis and Ted Hiebert this exhibition promises to confound and enlighten.

Featuring photography, screen-based media and objects from an international line-up of artists, *Dowsing* includes work from Benjamin Bellas (Chicago), Nate Larson (Chicago), Gordon Lebrecht (Toronto), Daniel Olson (Montreal), Mike Paget (Calgary), June Pak (Toronto) and Anthony Schrag (Glasgow, Scotland).



Still image from Anthony Schrag's
Climbing to the Clouds (2006)

From the curatorial statement:

“Failure – as something that cannot be willfully coveted but must, in many ways, be “happened” upon accidentally and in most instances unintentionally – holds innovative and intriguing artistic and theoretical possibilities. In exact opposition to the philosophy of the “happy accident” that forms much of the romance of failure as a legitimate element of artistic discovery, *Dowsing For Failure* will seek specific artists who have encountered ways of not succumbing to the optimistic and opportunistic mobilization of failure in the name of success. ”

Consequently, *Dowsing For Failure* should be taken literally as an interrogative title and the artists work an invitation to participate in the inquiry.

This exhibit will continue until January 20th, 2007.

To arrange an interview with Doug Jarvis or Ted Hiebert call 383-8833 or email openspace@openspace.ca.

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