

## Press Release

Kukje Gallery

# Aaron Young

Aaron Young (born in San Francisco, California, 1972- )

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Kukje Gallery K2

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Kukje Gallery is pleased to announce Aaron Young's solo exhibition titled "Locals" opening November 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be Young's second solo exhibition in Korea. Tweaking stereotypes of masculinity and American identity, Young's work consists of carefully chosen materials and wry titles that play with cliché. In "Locals" the artist continues his allusion to hermetic subcultures by appropriating the iconography and language of rebel street culture ("Locals Only" refers to a not so subtle sign often found on beaches in California where the artist grew up.)

Nowhere is this punk spirit more obvious than in his interest in motorcycles and hot rods. Well-known for his motorcycle burn-out paintings, Young's new

work again turns to popular macho culture using stacks of sports car spoilers from vintage classics like the Camaro, Mustang, and Corvette. Stacked on the wall these works mine the banality of popular myth and its empty signs while simultaneously alluding to art history and the fetishized object. Wanting his work to be both "abstract art and performance at the same time" the artist taps into the destructive aesthetic of youthful nihilism to create arresting works in all mediums. "Locals" will present work from all of Young's major series including burn-out paintings, tumbleweed sculptures and video.

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Artist Aaron Young  
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Born in 1972 in San Francisco, Aaron Young graduated from the San Francisco Art Institute and obtained his MFA from Yale University.

He currently lives and works in New York. He has exhibited in P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City (2005), the Serpentine Gallery, London (2006), and has participated in the 2006 Whitney Biennial and the Second Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art (2007). Young's works are included in prestigious collections such as the ones at the Museum of Modern Art New York, Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art and the JJC Oppenheimer Fun.

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**Aaron Young**

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Chrome on fiberglass

119.4 x 154.9 x 14 cm

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**Aaron Young \_ Burn-out Painting \_ Performance Images**

*Greeting Card, 2007*

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