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Press Release

Sebastian Buerkner *Emotion Machine* [co-commission with Animate Projects]

14 May – 22 June 2008 Wednesday – Sunday 13.00 – 18.00 hrs

Opening Tuesday 13 May 19.00 – 21.00 hrs

First Thursdays Late Night Opening 5 June until 20.30 hrs

The Showroom is delighted to announce that it is currently working with Animate Projects on a co-commission of new animation work by Sebastian Buerkner. The resulting show *Emotion Machine* will be presented at The Showroom through May and June this year.

Buerkner is one of the most innovative artists working with animation today. His sophisticated visual language, elaborately drawn in Flash animation, is preoccupied with the creation of parallel or fantasy worlds that often defy logic and challenge our understanding of space and time. Buerkner's layered and fragmentary imagery seems to suggest incomplete memories or glimpses into the subconscious of the film's subjects. The effect is a dizzying sense of disorientation, often augmented by Buerkner's use of split screen or multiple projects which, combined with his use of repetition and almost stroboscopic editing, mean that the viewer is left trying to grasp or piece together an elusive narrative thread.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. Sebastian Buerkner studied painting in Germany then moved to London to complete his fine art education with an MA at Chelsea College in 2002, where he was awarded a Fellowship residency the following year.
2. Since 2004 his art practice has shifted exclusively to animation, his film *Purple Grey* (2006) was broadcast as part of AnimateTV on Channel 4.
3. His work has been exhibited in several solo and group shows internationally. He has made projects for Kohlenhof Kunstverein Nurnberg, Whitechapel Project Space, London and LUX at Lounge Gallery, London. He has participated in group shows and screenings at Site Gallery, Sheffield, Tate Liverpool, Barbican, London and Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna.
4. Sebastian Buerkner currently lives and works in London.

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