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**JEF GEYS**

« *Retrospectieve-Introspectie* »

27 October 2007 – 25 October 2008

Tuesday to Saturday from 2 to 7 pm and by appointment

Erna Hecey Gallery is pleased to present a special yearlong project by Belgian artist Jef Geys.

During a one-year period, Jef Geys will create a room in the basement of the gallery in which he will show a selection of old and new works. A “Retrospective-Introspection,” in the words of the artist, Geys’ “chambre” is conceived as a shifting solo exhibition, an opportunity to reflect on past productions while proposing and experimenting with new ideas.

The room is approximately 3 x 4 meters with a door-sized opening, at the back of the space. Around every two months Geys will present a different arrangement of works.

Jef Geys is one of Belgium’s most esteemed artists. Since he appeared on the art scene at the beginning of the 1960s, Geys has conceived his entire oeuvre as an evolving project that combines a conceptual attitude, educational activity and formal experimentation. His work deals with themes related to social, political and economic fields, and is marked by its critical intelligence. He has exhibited in many important institutions around the world, including the IAC Villeurbanne (2007); Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland (2005); Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven (2004); Documenta 11, Kassel (2002); Le Collège-Frac Champagne-Ardenne (1995); Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels (1992); and São Paulo Biennial (1991).

He recently participated in the “Deep Comedy” show at Marfa, Texas (2007), curated by Dan Graham with Sylvia Chivartanond