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**"Wastescapes" – Kevin Pincus at Newmark Gallery**

June 5 to June 30, 2007. Opening Reception, June 7, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

**San Francisco, CA.** Mark Wladika, director of Newmark Gallery, is pleased to announce a solo exhibit of abstract paintings by emerging artist, Kevin Pincus. According to Mr. Wladika, "Kevin Pincus's recent series of paintings display an exquisitely controlled approach to the abstract image. Built from a masking style of deconstructive technique using various white washes (Zinc, Titanium and Cremnitz whites) to "unpaint" large parts of the canvas and highlight the critical parts of the abstract construction, the effect is one of the dense information field common to most modern abstraction, tempered by a spacious "reductiveness" as practiced by middle abstract expressionists such as Motherwell and Rothko.

Mr. Pincus creates abstract paintings that cause one to expect that he may be a much older artist, steeped in the history of the form and painting for decades, rather than the young emerging artist that he is. The work has the reserve, the hand of one who's immune to youthful bombast. This maturity belies the youthful, joyous, down-to-earth person that is Kevin. However, one can surmise that his *joie de vivre* informs his work even as his innate talent and committed work ethic uncompromisingly engage this tension between energy and restraint. In painting after painting he hits precisely the right tone."

Kevin christens this new series "Wastescapes" to infer a process of uncovering elemental fragments of emotional and personal import while immersed in an environment that seems initially sterile. Elusive images reveal themselves in an austere wilderness; mysterious talismans briefly captured and documented – history, sensation, object, symbol. The result is starkly beautiful, emotionally resonant, cutting edge abstraction.

**Kevin Pincus** grew up in a small suburb on the Jersey shore known as Toms River. He received his Masters of Fine Arts in Painting and Drawing from the University of Hawaii, Manoa in 2001 and relocated to San Francisco in 2002. Influenced by the Abstract Expressionist sculpture of David Smith and painters Willem de Kooning, and Barnett Newman as well as contemporary artists Sandow Birk, Robert Irwin, and Cecily Brown he believes in maintaining an aggressive studio narrative.

**Newmark Gallery San Francisco** is located at 251 Post Street, Suite 412 in the Union Square area of San Francisco. Founded by Mark Wladika in 2004, we are committed to representing the highest quality contemporary art from the Bay Area and Europe. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am - 6 pm and by appointment.

High Resolution Images and Catalogs of this exhibit are available upon request.