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## MAPMAKERS: Visions in Contemporary Art

Toronto, Canada, August 25, 2008—Meta Gallery is pleased to present its inaugural exhibition, “Mapmakers: Visions in Contemporary Art”, a group exhibition featuring 15 artists who work with a common visual language, depicting a vision of the planet, of humanity and of the world unique in contemporary art today. The exhibition is entitled “Mapmakers” simply because the artists in this show *are* mapmakers. Charting rarely felt depths of the subconscious and various heightened states of perception, these works are meant as depictions of journeys into new and unexplored realms of consciousness. As Erik Davis wrote in his essay for the catalogue which accompanies the exhibition, “...it is important to consider that these works are, in some ways, documents of experience.” These 15 artists have embarked on a journey to visually define the relationship between rational, cognitive thought and the awe-inspiring, fantastic dream world of the subconscious, inviting the viewer to experience the states of awareness which informed the works of art in the first place.

Mapmakers features works by Cathie Bleck (Cleveland, OH), Luke Brown (Bali, IN), Raul Casillas (Vancouver, BC), Dean Chamberlain (Venice, CA), Alex Grey (Brooklyn, NY), Allyson Grey (Brooklyn, NY), Mark Henson (Upper Lake, CA), Martina Hoffmann (Boulder, CO), Andrew Jones (San Francisco, CA), Kris Kuksi (Hayes, KS), Paul Laffoley (Boston, MA), Mars-1 (San Francisco, CA), Ben Tour (Vancouver, BC), Robert Venosa (Boulder, CO), and Oliver Vernon (Brooklyn, NY).

Located in Toronto’s historic Distillery District, Meta Gallery was founded by Jody Polishchuk with the mandate to use the space as the first forum of its kind, dedicated to exhibiting and documenting this emerging group of innovative artists. Jody has been involved with this art movement in various capacities, devoted to evolving the careers of these artists (as well as others) and sharing their work with the world. This exhibition will be on view from September 5, (opening reception 7 - 11pm) to October 12, 2008. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11-6, and Sunday 12-5. A preview of the show will be available to members of the media beginning August 26, by appointment only.

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