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Julia Becker: Root Orbit ~ Where the Spirit Meets the Bone
June 6 - August 22, 2008
Artist Reception, June 6, 2008, 5 - 8 pm
Gallery Talk, Artini: June 19, 2008, 7 pm

Missoula, MT/ March 3, 2008/ Missoula Art Museum (MAM)/ Julia Becker's installation plays in the vertical airspace in the museum entrance, a place where forces of gravity and natural light take precedence, a space that breathes into the other galleries, and is, in a sense, at the heart of the museum. Becker says of her project, "I explore states of floating and transience; grounding and displacement; gravity and time; regeneration and decomposition; swimming, orbiting, free falling and filtration." Becker's installation is the fourth of five exhibitions of the New Spaces/New Visions series sponsored by the Andy Warhol Foundation. After her initial site visit in 2007, Becker used natural and found materials to complete her installation during a residency at MAM in May 2008. The installation will be featured in a full-color catalogue featuring all five invited installation artists.

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