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New Exhibition Featured at the Missoula Art Museum *Crash. Pause. Rewind.*

Exhibition Dates: September 6 – November 24, 2007

Opening Reception & Guest Curator's Talk: Friday, Sept. 7, 5-8pm, Talk at 7pm

Missoula, MT / August 8, 2007 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / MAM is pleased to present *Crash. Pause. Rewind*, an exhibition that critiques the allure of images of destruction, from September 6 – November 24, 2007. Working with recognizable imagery drawn from the media and Hollywood, the artists in “*Crash. Pause. Rewind.*” explore the persistence of certain indelible images, generating a contemporary iconography of disaster.

Two large scale sculptural installations by E.V. Day and Chris Larson anchor the multimedia exhibition. Day's *Cherry Bomb Vortex* is a frozen whirlwind of saturated color and fragmented materials. Larson's *Pause* is a ¾-scale all-wood model of the Dodge Charger from “*Dukes of Hazzard*” crashing into Ted Kaczynski's Lincoln, Montana cabin. The Unabomber's cabin reappears in an unsettling photographic diptych by Richard Barnes. Other familiar and fantastical images, presented as still photos, digital works and DVDs, serve as metaphors that trace the ways in which horrible events are recorded and replayed endlessly, transforming events into icons: aesthetic objects offered up for our terrified pleasure.

Crash. Pause. Rewind. includes works by more internationally regarded artists, including Josh Azzarella, Oliver Boberg, Tacita Dean, Christoph Draeger, John Haddock, Timothy Hutchings and Robert Lazzarini. The exhibition was organized by Western Bridge, a contemporary art gallery in Seattle devoted to the bold, media-based art collection of William and Ruth True. William True will give a guest curator's talk at MAM at 7pm on Friday, September 7, during the First Friday ArtWalk opening reception, 5-8pm. The talk and reception are free and open to the public.

About MAM: FREE EXPRESSION / FREE ADMISSION. Founded in 1975 and accredited by the American Association of Museums since 1987, MAM showcases diverse and thought-provoking contemporary artwork from local and international artists. MAM reopened in September 2006 after an extensive remodel and expansion. Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri, 11AM-6PM, until 7PM on Thursdays, Sat, 10AM-3PM. Office hours: Mon – Fri, 9AM-5PM. MAM Mission: *The Missoula Art Museum educates, challenges and inspires the community through contemporary art. MAM preserves our emerging cultural heritage through the development and conservation of its art collection.*

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