

# P R E S S   R E L E A S E

## PATRIK AARNIVAARA

### "General Interpretations and Specific Forms"

**April 2 – May 16, 2009**

Galleri Charlotte Lund has the great pleasure of presenting our first solo exhibition with Patrik Aarnivaara.

Patrik Aarnivaara's sculptures often portray the origins of forms and ideas. His interest in modernist and contemporary architecture is expressed in models made of materials such as plywood, MDF and plastic. He also uses texts and images to visualize the development from ideas to concrete objects. The models map out parts of the artist's work and thought process. The texts he writes are influenced by literature, art and architecture theory as well as philosophy. They discuss different interpretations of the forms he creates.

The exhibition *General Interpretations and Specific Forms* includes the work *Points of View* (2009); a sculpture consisting of nine triangular forms as well as objects, images and a text about three people who disagree on the interpretation of an art work. Another work in the exhibition is *The Architect and The Artist* (2008); a sculpture and a story about an architect and an artist that take different paths after modernism. Patrik Aarnivaara explains:

"Instead of repeating identical forms such as for instance in minimalism, these sculptures repeat differences. The principal I use when I create my work is that each piece should be distinguished from the other and together form a unity of diverse parts. I am particularly interested in the questions that arise when each part must differ from the rest. The sculptures in this exhibition can be seen as reflections on how geometrical forms and artistic processes can be experienced and interpreted. I strive to create work that does not compromise form over idea and vice versa."

Patrik Aarnivaara, born 1977 in Uppsala, attended Malmö Art Academy, Malmö, Valand School of Fine Arts, Gothenburg and Goldsmith College, London. The artist is currently part of the group exhibition "From Place To Place, Part 2" at The Museum of Sketches in Lund and has recently participated in the exhibition "Spelplan 3 – Synrand" at Landskrona konsthall, Landskrona. In 2008 Patrik Aarnivaara partook in Bonniers konsthall's exhibition "Tell a Friend", in Stockholm.

During the course of the exhibition the gallery will organize an artist talk with Patrik Aarnivaara and an invited guest.

Press photos are available upon request.

Please join us at the opening reception, Thursday, January 22, 2009, 5 to 8pm.

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Next exhibition: Ulrika Minami Wärmling, May 20 – June 27, 2009

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