

PRESS RELEASE

About Jean's Death

By Sarah Strang in collaboration with Denis Augusto Pereira

24th July – 11th August 2006

'About Jean's Death' by Sarah Strang is an exhibition of print, video and installation art, created in collaboration with Brazilian sign-holder, Denis Augusto Pereira. Sarah and Denis' meeting in 2005 led to a partnership that has culminated in 'About Jean's Death', a performance and installation commenting on the issues surrounding the death of Jean Charles de Menezes.

Sarah describes her work as a social collaboration, representing Brazilian experiences of human rights legislation in London. The work displayed in this exhibition raises issues about civil liberties, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and social hierarchies.

'About Jean's Death' includes a video work of Denis' written comments on the death of Jean Charles de Menezes in Portuguese and English. The work is an attempt to create a human response beyond the issues of terrorism, policing or the Government. Poignantly, as he writes Denis wears gloves discarded at Edgware Road by a London Underground rescue worker after the 7th July bombings.

As part of the exhibition, 'Protest by Denis Augusto' reveals a personal account of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and addresses issues of social injustice. The work confronts the exploitation that deprives labour of any dignity and highlights the inequities inherent in capitalism. It is a personal indictment on Article 23 of The Universal Declaration of Human rights featuring Denis' handwritten amendments of the text.

Living and working in London, Sarah Strang graduated from Central St. Martin's College of Art and Design in 2005. Sarah is currently a resident artist on the Florence Trust Annual Programme.

Exhibition supported by Tooks Chambers and Liberty

Exhibition details:

Tooks Chambers, 8 Warner Yard, Warner Street, London EC1R 5EY

Opening Hours: Exhibition by appointment only

Monday 24th July – Friday 11th August

Private View Friday 21st July 6.30pm – 8.30pm

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