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Mel Bochner, *Blab, Blab, Blab*, 2010

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MEL BOCHNER:

Photographs and Not Photographs

September 9 – October 30, 2010

Fraenkel Gallery is pleased to present **Mel Bochner: Photographs and Not Photographs** on view from September 9th through October 30th, 2010.

Mel Bochner is considered a pioneer of the Post-Minimal and Conceptual art movements. Best known for his paintings, drawings and installations, in the mid to late 1960's Bochner became deeply involved with photography. This exhibition focuses on Bochner's groundbreaking photographs from that time period, and shows how those formed much of the basis for Bochner's work up to the present. Bochner was fully involved in the selection for this project, which in addition to photographs includes "Smudge," a wall drawing of blue powder pigment from 1968, the 1970 set of "Misunderstandings (A Theory of Photography)," and several paintings, include "NO," dating from this year.

Bochner also collaborated closely on the exhibition catalog, the cover of which is made of plexiglas. The catalog includes an essay by Jeffrey Weiss, recently appointed curator of the Panza collection at the Guggenheim Museum of Art, tracing Bochner's evolution from the 1960s to the present.

Mel Bochner lives and works in New York City. His work is in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, New York, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the Art Institute of Chicago, among many others.

Fraenkel Gallery is located at 49 Geary Street, 4th floor, San Francisco.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 am - 5:30 pm, & Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

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