

Ghost of a Dream: Forever, Almost

February 14 - March 17, 2012

Opening Reception: Thursday, February 16th, 5:30 – 7:30pm **Davidson Contemporary (724 Fifth Avenue, 4th Floor)**

New York, January 25, 2012 – **Davidson Contemporary** is excited to announce a new solo exhibition with the artist collective, Ghost of a Dream. This is their first solo show with Davidson Contemporary. Ghost of a Dream uses a wide array of media in their work, as disparate as discarded scratch-off tickets and television sets which aims to "embody the essence of opulence while being constructed of materials that typically end up in the trash."

Ghost of a Dream's collages of losing lotto scratchers can vary in size from one to twelve feet across. The designs resemble ornate rugs or mosque mosaics – each tiny segment is laid down individually to give the overall appearance of interlocking forms. The effect from afar is a perfectly symmetrical woven pattern. However, on closer inspection, the viewer is privy to the individual rubbings of the original ticket holder – a signature of the once hopeful player whose dreams of winning were tossed aside with the spent ticket.

The exhibition will include two installations, works on paper, sculpture, and collages. The materials used vary from tens of thousands of scratch-off tickets to television sets, and from pen and paper to old trophies. Ghost of a Dream have exhibited work in China, Denmark, England, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. Most recently, they showed with Davidson Contemporary at the Pulse Miami Art Fair. In 2012, they will have solo exhibitions at both the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and the Hunterdon Art Museum in New Jersey. They will 2012 SmackMellon residents starting in May, and are currently in residence at the Bemis Center in Omaha, NE, until March 2012.

Founded in 2006, Davidson Contemporary is a division of Maxwell Davidson Gallery. Under the direction of Maxwell Davidson IV and Charles C. Davidson, Davidson Contemporary presents the work of both emerging and mid-career artists who work in a broad range of media.

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Gallery address: 724 Fifth Avenue (between 56th and 57th St.)

Gallery hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00am – 5:30pm