



Dove Bradshaw *Six Continents*

SolwayJones

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Dove Bradshaw: Six Continents opens Friday, October 14th with a reception for the artist from 6-8 pm. The exhibition continues through November 12th, 2005. SolwayJones is located at 5377 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am – 6 pm.

Dove Bradshaw: Six Continents, finds its origins in the artist's long-standing desire to make sculptures that change. The sculptures are composed of six kinds of salt gathered from each continent, which are then poured into mounds directly on the floor. The hues and the specific physical responses to water stem from the mineral deposits particular to their points of origin: Africa, gray; Antarctica, ivory; Australia, white; Eurasia, brown; North America, green; South America, ruddy pink. Suspended above each mound, a calibrated glass funnel drops water, creating a chemical reaction that changes both the shape and color of each sculptural work. *Six Continents'* opposition of two interactive elements involves water and one hundred pounds of salt from each of six different continents, the combination of which leads to indeterminate and ever-shifting reactions. The various minerals behave differently when exposed to water, and form a range of reactions that include fractal forests, lichen-like growths and an overall dusting of re-crystallizations.

The process evolved from Bradshaw's earlier *Contingency* paintings, surfaced with silver and chemically treated with liver of sulfur solution causes an ongoing reaction to the atmosphere. A new *Contingency* painting and silver and sulfur works on paper will also be shown. In addition, five wall pieces (from a series which began in 1991 titled *Crack in the Air*), consisting of pigmented thorns from 2003-04, and recent and historic photographic works (gelatin silver print, Duraclear, daguerreotype and photogravure) will also be on exhibit. Dove Bradshaw's work will be included in the upcoming exhibition *Anastasi Bradshaw Cage Cunningham* at the University Art Gallery, UC San Diego from October 6 through December 10, 2005. The university gallery is located at 9500 Gilman Drive in La Jolla, CA.

*The Antarctic salt is courtesy of the National Science Foundation, Washington, DC and McMurdoch Bay Antarctica; the rest of the salt is courtesy of Atlantic Salt, Staten Island, New York.

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