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JANUARY 31 - MARCH 22, 2009

OPENING RECEPTION ON FRIDAY JANUARY 30 AT 7PM

ISABELLE PAUWELS

B and E

ARTIST TALK SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21 AT 2PM

Presentation House Gallery is pleased to premiere two new media installations by one of Vancouver's key artists Isabelle Pauwels. This exhibition showcases her highly innovative approach to video, weaving complex layers of multiple narratives overlayed with intricate scripts. "B...+...+...+...E" was shot in a decaying porn theatre – the Fox Cinema on Main Street in Vancouver. A static camera records two simultaneous activities – one on the screen, the other in the theatre. Having no clear sense of action or character, the main narrative appears to be changes in light. "B & E" also thwarts expectations of a beginning and end. Shot with a hand-held consumer-grade camera in the rural house of the artist's grandparents in West Flanders while it was being closed up. Here the artist's visceral footage creates an intimate encounter. In this exhibition, she explores the intersections of documentary realism and the artifice of staging. Pauwels' engaging artworks draw attention to spectatorship as a process, implicating the viewer in a negotiation with psychologically complex spaces.

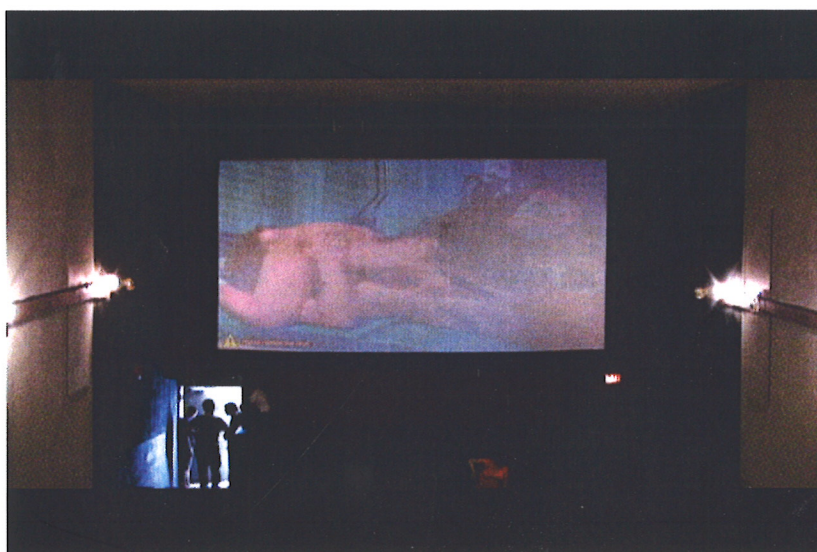
A PHG publication will provide an overview of Isabelle Pauwels' art practice.

Isabelle Pauwels has been exhibiting since 2001. Born in Belgium, she is a graduate of Emily Carr Institute and has an MFA from the Art Institute of Chicago. She has had solo exhibitions at Artspeak, Contemporary Art Gallery, Or Gallery and Catriona Jeffries Gallery in Vancouver and at Blackwood Gallery in Toronto. She has been in group exhibitions at Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, Vancouver; Alberta Art Gallery, Edmonton; and Signal, Malmo, Sweden. She won the VIVA award in 2007 and is represented by Catriona Jeffries Gallery in Vancouver.

Interviews with the artist and curator can be arranged.

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Isabelle Pauwels, still from B-----+-----+-----E, 2008, Video Installation. Courtesy Catriona Jeffries Gallery.

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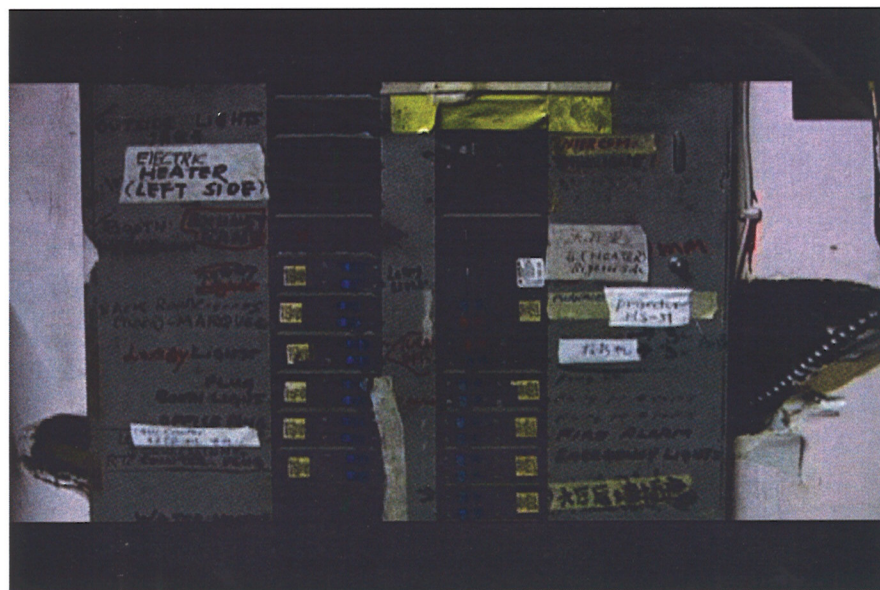
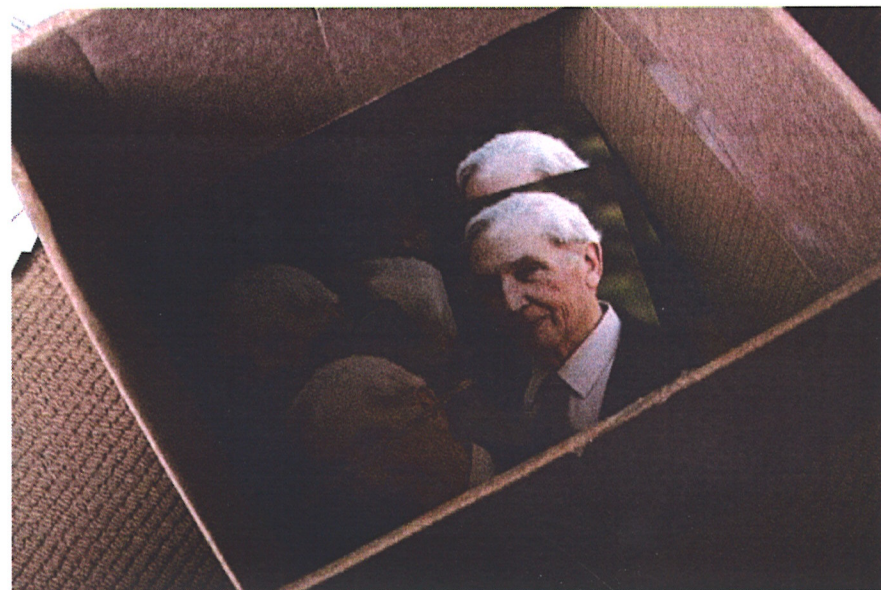
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Above Image: Isabelle Pauwels, still from *B-----+-----E*, 2008, Video Installation.
Courtesy Catriona Jeffries Gallery, Vancouver.



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