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PRO ARTS PROJECT

***Vapor 6* by Kato Jaworski**
March 29 – April 17, 2005

Oakland, CA: Pro Arts is pleased to invite you to an exhibition of *Vapor 6*, an installation by Richmond-based artist Kato Jaworski. The exhibition opens on Tuesday, March 29 at Noon. An artist talk and reception will take place on Sunday, April 3, from 2 - 4pm. The artist talk will begin at 2:30pm.

Vapor 6 is composed of sculptural strands, hung along a main wall of the gallery stage area. Each of the forms is made from translucent tinted plastic and metal wire. Incidental movement in the gallery causes the strands to twist and realign, seemingly of their own accord. This movement creates a cascade of brilliantly colored "impressions" on the gallery walls and offers a flutter of jewel-colored forms in motion.

These large scale works are spaced so that the viewer can step between the strands and move through the installation--effectively offering the experience of walking *through* the artwork. As integral as the physical sculpture itself, the refracted light creates visual forms which convey constant change and movement in the sparsely occupied gallery. In its deceptive simplicity, the work challenges assumptions about the material nature of art by presenting entirely ephemeral components. Additionally *Vapor 6* offers the viewer a visual experience and the opportunity for physical interactivity--further complicating concrete definitions and categorizations.

In this work the artist explores contemporary applications for Modernist innovations--Jaworski's work draws references to Alexander Calder's "mobile and stabile" sculptures and the line quality of Vassily Kandinsky's paintings. Select examples from Kato Jaworski's exhibition history include Richmond Art Center (Richmond, California), San Francisco Art Walk (San Francisco, California), Chaffee Art Center (Rutland, Vermont), and Bowery Gallery (New York, New York)

PROJECT: This series presents works which dialogue with topical issues and art practices from the wider contemporary art discourse--with an emphasis on exploring social practices, new genre, large scale installation, off-site projects and new media.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Pro Arts is located at 550 Second Street, Oakland, CA, 94607. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, Noon - 6pm; and Sunday, Noon - 5pm. Entrance is free.

MISSION

Pro Arts is a nonprofit artist-based membership organization serving the San Francisco Bay Area's diverse cultural communities. Find out more at www.proartsgallery.org

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