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Jen Schwarting

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Reception for the artist on Saturday, 26 April, from 7 - 10 PM

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David Patton Los Angeles is pleased to present "Today Is Not Your Day" an exhibition of work by New York-based artist Jen Schwarting.

Jen Schwarting will present drawings, collages, photographs and sculpture that continue her ongoing investigation into the American notion of progress. Far from the confidence that characterized the promise of the 20th century, "Today Is Not Your Day" takes a sober look at present-day 2008, where the insecurity and anxiety from economic decline is forefront in daily headlines and the psyche of average workers.

The exhibition takes the structure of the corporate workplace as a point of departure—delineated by the grey, provisional partitions, and the organizational charts, signboards, slogans and office humor that define the common office environment. Individual collages constructed from photocopies, internet printouts, digital images, newspaper and magazine ads speak to the media age and current information systems, yet equally these anti-materials, and the prevalence of text and xerox, recall the influence and strategies of Fluxus and Conceptual Art. A photo-collage titled YES depicts an office worker contorting her body in a series of poses, attempting to physically spell out the word, and conform to its affirmation.

Jen Schwarting was born in Bronx, NY and received her BFA from Cornell University and her MFA from CalArts in 2003. She has recently exhibited her sculpture, collage and videos at the Bronx Museum of the Arts and the Islip Art Museum in New York, Newspace Gallery in Los Angeles, Galleriet G18 at the University of Helsinki, and will be included in the Youth Biennial of Moscow upcoming in July. She is a 2008 participant in the Night School program at The New Museum. Schwarting currently lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

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