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## ***New Works by John Henry Blatter Find Their Way to 1708 Gallery***



details of *Untitled* by John Henry Blatter, 2009

Richmond, VA – October 7, 2009 - John Henry Blatter, an artist working in audio and video, will make a distinctive statement when he debuts his latest work at 1708 Gallery on Friday, October 23.

*New Works by John Henry Blatter* will begin with a talk by the artist at 7 p.m. at 1708 Gallery on Friday, October 23. Blatter's work combines the use of sound, video and environment to sculpt an experience unique to the space he is working in, which is exactly what he has done at 1708 Gallery. This exhibition features site-specific installation environments.

The work to be shown at 1708 Gallery focuses on the "fleeting instances of tenor in which noises gently fade into silence... [and] time cease to exist," as described by Blatter. These moments may be inspired by the tragic and the wonderful, the life changing and the everyday, yet these moments share the commonality as they are the times when we feel most singular – connecting each of us together.

Blatter said, "In these singular instances we share at the core, fleeting emotional attachments, with which we can empathize." The installation at 1708 Gallery will thus be something that is universal – relatable to all who see Blatter's work.

*New Works by John Henry Blatter* will run from October 23 to November 28 at 1708 Gallery. The Opening Reception for the exhibit will be held at the Gallery on Friday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. The November First Friday Reception, featuring Blatter's installation, will be held on Friday, November 6 at 7 p.m.

Blatter currently resides in Richmond, Virginia where he maintains a studio, runs the *Daily Constitutional* publication and teaches at Virginia Commonwealth University. Previous works have been exhibited in New York, Miami, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Pittsburg; he has shown internationally in British Columbia, Basel and Istanbul.

1708 Gallery is a non-profit arts organization committed to presenting exceptional new art. 1708 Gallery is committed to providing opportunities for artistic innovation for emerging and established artists and to expanding the understanding and appreciation of new art for the public.