

PRESS RELEASE

RALPH DOREY

Function Room

19 September – 23 October 2006

Café Space, Jerwood Space,
171 Union Street, London, SE1 0LN
Open Mon-Fri 8 - 4pm



Function Room is a sculptural installation by British artist Ralph Dorey. There is an ephemeral blue organ in the roof of the Jerwood Café Space. You could cook it. You could hold a plate under it expectantly or use it's internal mail system. Perhaps it will suck you up and dump you out onto the street outside.

Ralph Dorey is a keen enthusiast of physical things but equally keen on the hypothetical. His work is vivaciously visceral, anthropomorphically awkward, contextually voracious and frequently large. He is influenced by artists such as; Jon Bock, Phyllida Barlow, Jessica Stockholder, Matt Calderwood, Tony Cragg, Louise Bourgeois, Donald Judd, Sol Lewitt, Elsworth Kelly, Dan Flavin, Frank Stella, Ugo Rondinone, and Richard Wentworth.

Ralph Dorey lives and works in London. He studied BA (Hons) in Fine Art at the University of East London (2003-2006). Recent solo exhibitions include: *Arnold Circus* Old Nichols, *Scaffold* Isle of Portland. Recent group exhibitions include: *Future First*, The Residence Gallery, London (2006), *Way Out East*, The Tram Depot, London (2006), *You Are Here*, Queens Wood, Highgate (2006), *The Hackney Artists: Tab Centre 2*, Shoreditch (2006), *555 Trinity Buoy Wharf*, London (2006), *Immediately With The Masterful*, The Ada Street Project, London (2006).

Images can be found at: <http://www.happy-times.com/ralph>

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