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The Ben Maltz Gallery at Otis College of Art and Design is pleased to present:

**Perspectives in the Crowd**
June 20-August 29, 2007 in the Bolsky Gallery
Public reception: Saturday, July 14, 6-8pm

*Perspectives in the Crowd* is organized by the Ben Maltz Gallery at Otis College of Art and Design and Artist Tucker Neel, Guest Curator of the exhibition. It features over 50 short films projected larger than life inside the Bolsky Gallery by DIY documentarians found on YouTube.

With the aid of websites like YouTube, concerts, lectures, performances, dance parties, political rallies, really any type of event you can imagine, are documented like never before. Now thousands of users upload their own videos of their immediate experiences for the world to see.

How do websites like YouTube alter our perception of a single event? How do we navigate our world when we know that any situation can be captured, uploaded and saved on the internet? What does it mean to be an active spectator today? What does it mean to have so many people filming the same performance?

This exhibition investigates these questions by presenting these amateur films of one particular event, Daft Punk’s 2006 performance at the Coachella Music Festival in Indio, CA, and displays the many ways these individuals have catalogued their experience on YouTube. By allowing for viewers to contemplate how technology such as digital cameras, camera phones and the internet is shaping and changing our participation and memory of singular events. This show emphasizes the desire people have to gather together for a shared experience as well as retell it again and again—instead of an oral tradition it is visual, digital, and viral.

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All the films were provided on disc and over the internet by the following individuals included in the exhibition:
Diana Castillo
Jeaneen Lund
Claudio D. Munoz Whiting
Emre Kocagil
Tasha Paul & Josh Smiley
Kasey Dixon
Juan-Carlos Ortega
Chelsey Davis
Ken Moire
Louis Kim
Sarah Comer
Noli Zaldivar Valencia
Julian Santarriaga Huerta
Glen Han
Mark Pedante
Michael Yonemura
Jeff Rockwell
Matt LaFleur
Mark Vela

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Location: Otis College of Art and Design, 9045 Lincoln Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045
Hours: Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm / Thu, 10am-7pm. Closed Mondays and major holidays
Gallery Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm
Information: 310.665.6905, galleryinfo@otis.edu, www.otis.edu/benmaltzgallery
Gallery Tours: 310.665.6909 to schedule tours for school, museum or other groups.

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