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**David A. Brown**

*It's All Plastic*

March 11th to April 23rd, 2006.

Opening Reception: Saturday, March 11th, 6:00 to 9:00 PM

**Deborah Cotton Gallery** is pleased to present *It's All Plastic* by Houston-based artist David Brown. The exhibition opens March 11, 2006 with a reception for the artist from 6-9 p.m. The exhibition is held in conjunction with Fotofest 2006, the Eleventh International Biennial of Photography and Photo-Related Art.

In his series of photographs, David Brown investigates the beauty found in the minutiae of mass-produced, everyday objects. His enigmatic abstractions recontextualize the mundane by removing obvious traces of the original source material thereby taking the very regular and making it special. By compressing multiple planes of light into the photographic plane, the image that emerges from "the real," with a click of the shutter, becomes surreal. As a result, a visual, and intellectual, conflict occurs between the seemingly organic forms Brown creates and the manufactured objects in which he finds inspiration. This conflict, then, narrates for the viewer a story of the surreal complexity of our superficial reality.

Brown, a graduate of University of Houston in sculpture and digital media, is also Founding Director of spacetaken.org, a non-profit cultural arts service organization providing training information and resources for artists and arts organizations. His work has been in several exhibitions throughout the Houston area and is in many private collections.

Deborah Cotton Gallery is founded on being an innovative showcase for ongoing presentation and promotion of strong historical and visionary contemporary artists world-wide, whose diverse practices include painting, works on paper, sculpture, video, photography, and conceptual future media installations. The gallery aspires to provide a forum through connecting Texas, national and international artists to make positive change.