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Samit Das , Laurent Delaye Gallery , Mayfair, London
Thursday, 27 November 2008 11:00 to Friday, 19 December 2008 18:00

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Delaye | Saltoun is delighted to announce its new program of international contemporary art, opening with London's first solo exhibition by Indian artist Samit Das. Presenting an in-depth investigation into the inexorable growth of the cities of Bombay, Kolkata and Delhi, Das's subjective archive of archaeological and architectural fragments is a series of conceptual montages that mirror the layered surface of these cities. A wide range of works will be presented at Delaye | Saltoun, with more than forty pieces produced by the artist over the last 4 years. Samit Das is a flaneur in search of this complex topography. He uses multiple mediums to grasp the seemingly intangible evocations of the cityscape and its many constructs. Whether with pencil, paint, video or photography he depicts the rich sub-text of the city through its architecture, signage, graffiti and street art, all visions of the past tucked in-between urban layers. Samit Das was born in 1970 in Jamshedpur and studied in Santiniketan, the influential university founded by Rabindranath Tagore. The art college, Kala Bhavana, is considered one of the best in the world. He was also a student at Camberwell College of Arts in 2001-2002. The artist now lives and works in Delhi.

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