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Anindita Dutta: *Wrest in Peace*

April 30-May 31, 2011

Opening reception Saturday, April 30, 6-9 pm

Anindita Dutta's rich and varied practice consists of performance, video, large-scale installation, and contemporary sculpture. Dutta works with organic materials and forms, melding the human shape with natural substances like mud, clay and twine. Her practice reflects the fundamental connection between humans and the earth; she makes use of various forms of hardened earth by literally constructing objects from the earth's most basic form of existence as a material substance. Her employment of bodily movement as an artistic tool reflects on both the human body's impermanence and its eternal connection to land.

Robert Bills Contemporary is proud to present *Wrest in Peace*, a solo exhibition of Dutta's recent sculptural work, performance documentation, and video installation. For this exhibition Dutta has produced a number of large-scale, figural sculptures that incorporate her past use of clay and mud in performance, now in permanent form. Her mastery of the human figure and its potential for dramatic expression are apparent in these incredibly intricate yet solid pieces, whose presence is both delicately poignant and monstrously powerful.

Dutta comes to Robert Bills Contemporary as an internationally recognized artist who has received an extensive amount of prestigious artist grants and solo exhibitions around the world. Her most recent residency took place at the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum in Japan, where her work is now part of the permanent collection. In 2008 she was awarded the Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant. Her work has been exhibited in New York, India, Japan, Brazil, Germany, France and Midwestern galleries in Michigan and Chicago. She has held 10 artist residencies in 5 different countries, and has work in the permanent collection of 3 American institutions.

Robert Bills Contemporary is located in Chicago's West Loop district. The gallery was recently acclaimed by the *Chicago Tribune* and voted one of the hottest new galleries at NEXT 2010. For general inquiries please contact the Gallery Director, Emma Stein at emma@robertbillscontemporary.com, or call 312.234.9091.