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**RICKY ALLMAN + ZACHARY ROYER SCHOLZ**

Exhibition Dates: February 8 – March 9, 2008  
Opening Reception: Friday, February 8, 2008, 6 – 8PM

OAKLAND, Calif. – January 30, 2008 – Swarm Gallery is pleased to announce a two-person exhibition featuring new works by Kansas City-based artist Ricky Allman and Berkeley-based artist Zachary Royer Scholz.

Raised Mormon, **Ricky Allman** was taught to prepare for the Apocalypse – a complete and final destruction of the world. Sure he wouldn't live to see adulthood, he aligned with dystopian visions of his future. In his 20s, he moved from Utah's protective mountain landscape to the city of Boston, where he saw the skyscrapers vulnerable to destruction, ready to crash down with the slightest provocation. The city became an apocalyptic metaphor for his life. He began to study the way architecture interacts and overlaps with nature, and how it dominates or is dominated by its surroundings. Ricky explores architectural spaces in his work to play out his fascinations and fears, utopia and dystopia, and issues of faith and doubt.

**Zachary Royer Scholz** is a sculptor and conceptual artist who works collaboratively with his materials, manipulating objects to shift their boundaries of significance. Like paired artist Ricky Allman, Zachary also uses architectural spaces to alter and create new meaning. As objects tend to renew themselves in different contexts, Zachary leverages unexpected possibilities for unforeseeable ends.

**PROJECT SPACE**

*Dark Into Light* | Christine Wong Yap

*Dark into Light* is a mixed media installation of lights. It is accompanied by a limited-edition artist's book featuring a glow-in-the-dark screen-printed cover.

*Christine is an Affiliate Artist at the Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, CA.*

**FOR CALENDAR EDITORS**

EXHIBITION: TWO PERSON SHOW | Ricky Allman + Zachary Royer Scholz  
PROJECT SPACE | Christine Wong Yap, "Dark Into Light" (installation)

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Swarm Gallery is open to the public Tuesday – Sunday 12 – 6PM  
Every First Friday of the month until 9PM and by appointment

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LOCATION: Swarm Gallery, 560 Second Street, Oakland CA 94607  
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