

Todd Anderson-Kunert

'Everyone feels something, even if it's nothing'

Opening night Thursday September 1st, 6 – 8pm

To be opened by Shaune Lakin, Gallery Director, Monash Gallery of Art

Exhibition dates: 2 September – 1 October, 2011



Feelings and emotions; hard things to describe, quantify and admit to. Why? We all have them; these emotions are shared experiences as are the ways in which we attempt to deal with them. Limited by our vocabulary, we often have no words to describe a complex emotional experience. An action is often a more effective communication. These are the ideas underpinning Todd Anderson-Kunert's new exhibition *'Everyone feels something, even if it's nothing'*. In this exhibition Todd is acknowledging our emotional life and attempting to understand more about the thought processes and actions of human beings, and how these actions can ultimately affect the life of others. These universal concepts are portrayed with common gestures in everyday situations in ordinary suburban settings - something that we can all relate to. This inclusivity is further emphasized through the conversational language of his titles. The beauty of Todd's work is in its simplicity and its ability to communicate powerfully. The emotional content of the images are amplified by the use of soundtrack. The surround sound installation constructed by Todd to accompany the images utilizes various cinematic techniques in order to activate emotions concealed within the viewer and the viewed simultaneously, creating an engulfing emotionally charged environment.

Todd Anderson-Kunert is represented by Colour Factory Gallery. He is a recent graduate of a MFA (Coursework) at RMIT and will commence a PHD at Monash University in late 2011 for which he received an Australian Postgraduate Award. Recent exhibitions include 'Charmwood' at the Perth Centre for Photography and 'This is based on fact' audiovisual performance at Dear Patti Smith. Recent achievements include being a finalist in the 2011 Josephine Ulrick & Win Schubert Photography Award, a finalist in the 2009 and 2010 William & Winifred Bowness Photographic Prize, winner of the Margaret & John Baker Memorial Award for Emerging Artists and a finalist, National Photography Prize at Albury Art Gallery. His work is held in the Albury Art Gallery collection and private collections in Australia.