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SITE SANTA FE PRESENTS DANA SCHUTZ

September 24-December 24, 2005

Santa Fe, NM — SITE Santa Fe is pleased to present the work of Dana Schutz, her first one person museum exhibition featuring approximately fifteen to twenty paintings, dating from 2002 to 2005, borrowed from American collections, from September 24-December 24, 2005. There will be a media preview of the exhibition with the artist on Thursday, September 22, from 11 am-12 noon. There will be a free public preview on **Friday, September 23, from 5-7 pm**. Concurrent with *Dana Schutz* will be *Charles Long: More Like a Dream than a Scheme*, and *Don Ritter*.

Dana Schutz, *Devourer*, 2004, oil on canvas,
28" x 22" Courtesy of Zach Feuer Gallery, New York



The figures in Dana Schutz's colorful paintings lack any emotional defense system to separate them from us. They appear to be made of clay or paste—something goopy without defined edges—and come apart in unseemly gobs, for example, when eating their own faces or hands. They have an endearing naïve quality that is equally balanced with being utterly repellent – like teddy bears with leprosy. Their disorderly, freaked-out emotional states beam out of the canvases in day-glo screams of color and brushstrokes like yelps. Schutz's work belongs

on a trajectory that passes through the German expressionism of James Ensor and intersects with the subject-destroying black humor of Bruce Nauman, but with a kind of nauseating sweetness all its own.

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Dana Schutz, *Frank as a Proboscis Monkey*, 2002,
Oil on canvas, 32" x 36", Collection of Ranbir Singh



Born in Michigan in 1976, Schutz received her MFA from Columbia and her BFA at the Cleveland Institute of Art. She currently lives in New York, where she is a rising star in the contemporary resurgence of painting, with upcoming shows in Berlin and Boston. Schutz's works will be featured in a major exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery in London, entitled *The Triumph of Painting* (Part II), from November 4, 2005 to February 5, 2006.

SITE Santa Fe is located at 1606 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico. SITE Santa Fe Hours: Wed–Sat, 10 AM–5 PM; Friday, 10 AM–7 PM; Sunday, 12 PM–5 PM. Museum admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students, teachers and seniors; members are free. Free admission is offered on Fridays, made possible by a grant from The Brown Foundation, Inc., of Houston. Tours by SITE Guides are available free of charge to the public with paid admission and are also regularly scheduled on Fridays at 6 pm, and Saturdays & Sundays at 2 pm. SITE Santa Fe gift certificates are available. Call 505.989.1199 for more information.

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