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White Square Gallery Las Vegas announces its new exhibition
December 4th – February 26th

Opening reception:
December 4th, 2008, 6 – 9PM

REMINISCE

Old Masters of Revised

Artists often pay homage to the old masters of the 14th to 18th centuries by creatively using a quote or iconic image in their own work. Throughout time Modern Artists have been inspired by the masterpieces of Caravaggio, Titian, Da Vinci, Velasquez, Goya, Dürer, Rembrandt and Vermeer. Artists today interpret the symbols, imagery and techniques of the masters putting them in the context of the contemporary world. By adding their personal vision to their work, they put their own spin on the old masters.

Numerous artists such as *Marcel Duchamp*, *Andy Warhol*, *Jean Michel Basquiat* and *Jasper Johns* have reinterpreted the *Mona Lisa*, probably the most iconic painting of all time. *Cindy Sherman* has represented herself as an old master-like painting in her series *History Portraits/Old Masters* (1988-90) and the *Chapman Brothers* deformed etchings of *Goya* by paint over them or by executing them as three-dimensional sculptures in their *Great Deeds Against The Dead* (1994).

In recent times, new artists have demonstrated an increasing playful intercourse with the classic arts and pay homage; formally and contextually; to the old masters. Contemporary artists such as *Sam Taylor-Wood*, *Michael Najjar*, *Hendrik Kerstens* or *Shirana Shabazi* have created original pieces inspired by the portraits, Still lifes or genre paintings of the old masters transforming the old into the new through their personal vision.

REMINISCE represents recent painting and photography of contemporary European artists in which they illustrate the influence of the old masters on contemporary art and produce something completely new within the old context.

White Square Gallery dedicates REMINISCE to all masters who, for centuries, still inspire, motivate and live with us giving great influence to new generations of artists and are bringing joy to today's spectator.

Exhibited artists:

Michael Najjar, Germany
Corinna Holthusen, Germany
Jorge Villalba, Spain
Betti Scholz, Germany
Angeliki Douveri, Greece
Philip Scott Johnson, USA