

## MITCHELL-INNES & NASH



### Veron Urdarianu January 11 – February 17, 2007

Mitchell-Innes & Nash will present the first US exhibition of Holland-based artist Veron Urdarianu. The selection of sculpture and paintings will be on view in the Chelsea gallery from January 11 through February 17, 2007.

Urdarianu's work offers insight into the relationships between painting, sculpture and architecture. Often beginning with free-hand sketches of imagined architectural structures, Urdarianu creates sculptures made of wood, plastic and metal with moveable parts. These complex, miniature works have doors that open and shut and roofs and floors that shift. Urdarianu's paintings often have a three-dimensional element as well. Some of his canvases are made using pieces of cardboard and paper to provide structure, and at times appear as though they have been cast. Urdarianu uses a muted palette, with warm-colored backgrounds visible through a series of light-colored surface layers conveying the sense that time has passed over the canvas. This suggestion that time has elapsed is further articulated by Urdarianu's use of multiple viewpoints conflated together on the canvas.

Urdarianu was born in 1951 in Bucharest, Romania, and began painting in the 1960s. He moved to Amsterdam in the 1970s, where he studied sculpture at the Gerrit Rietveld Academie. His work has been included in various group and solo exhibitions in the Netherlands. In 2005 he was included in "Painting Surface Space", a major exhibition at the Goetz Collection in Munich and the subject of an essay by Rudi Fuchs in the accompanying catalogue. In the summer of 2006, Arndt & Partner, Berlin held Urdarianu's first solo exhibition in Germany and Urdarianu's solo show "Constructed Paintings and Houses for the Mind" is on view through December 31, 2006 at Arndt & Partner, Zurich. Urdarianu is represented by Arndt & Partner, Berlin.

#### **Listing Information:**

Mitchell-Innes & Nash Chelsea: 534 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues.  
Gallery Hours: Tues-Sat, 10am – 6pm  
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**Opening reception:** Thursday, January 11, 2006, from 6 – 8pm.

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**CAPTIONS:** *La Strada*, 2004, wood, plexiglass, plastic, paint, 36 x 40 x 33 cm; *In, Out*, 2005, paint on linen, 130 x 175 cm