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Soft Touch/Wondering Eye

Sculpture and Photography
by **Monica Bock and R. Darrell Bock**
with catalog essay by Zofia Burr

May 30 - June 24, 2006

Opening Reception Saturday June 3, 5pm - 7pm

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 12noon - 6pm. Admission is free.

SOHO20 Chelsea presents "Soft Touch/Wondering Eye," a father-daughter collaborative exhibition of sculpture by Monica Bock and photographs by R. Darrell Bock. Though divergent in theme and media, their work is linked, as Zofia Burr suggests in her introduction, by visual austerities that variously evoke feelings of wonder, amusement, apprehension, evanescence and mortality. The exhibition will be open to the public from May 30 through June 24. An opening reception will be held on June 3 from 5pm - 7pm. Exhibition catalogs will be available at the Gallery.



Monica Bock "Soft Touch (mother and child)" detail, 2006



R. Darrell Bock "Powell Street, San Francisco, CA", 1995

Monica Bock is Associate Professor of Art at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. She received her MFA in Sculpture from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she taught as an Adjunct Assistant Professor before accepting her current teaching position in Connecticut. As sculptor and installation artist she has exhibited widely in such venues as Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art, Pittsburgh's Mattress Factory, Mobius in Boston, and Art in General in New York City. She has received a variety of awards including an Arts Midwest/NEA Regional Visual Arts Fellowship.

R. Darrell Bock is Professor Emeritus in the Division of Social Sciences of the University of Chicago. He has had a long involvement with camera and dark room, working in small, medium and large format and with black-and-white and color. He has exhibited in photographic shows including the 1970 *City of Man* exhibition at the Bergman Gallery in Chicago. His genres include portraiture, architectural, travel, and more recently art photography with an evocative psychological dimension.

Directions to Soho20 Chelsea: From Grand Central: Take #6 local (green line) to 23rd St. Cross Town Bus, or walk West on 23rd to 10th Ave. Cross over to 25th St. to the Whitehall Bldg between 10th & 11th on 25th. Alternately, take E train to 25th St. at 6th Ave. and walk to the Whitehall bldg. For further information contact: Lucy Terzis, General Manager at 212.367.8994, or <soho20@verizon.net>.