

# GALLERY 263

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## THE CAVE PROJECT

On view: Sunday June 26 – Saturday July 16, 2011  
Reception: Sunday, June 26, 2011, 5-10 PM

Cambridge, MA - Gallery 263 is pleased to present its current Residency, *THE CAVE PROJECT*, an on-site installation of a cave.

THE CAVE PROJECT is a 6 week collaborative project based around the on-site installation of a cave. The structure is built with two-by-fours, chicken wire, and paper mache newspaper. Paying homage to the original cave paintings, the installation uses the structure as a platform for contemporary painting. The obvious man-made nature of the cave brings historical elements into a contemporary context. The cave acts as a metaphor to the modern era, a period of man-made lakes, islands, and cities. While embracing this practice in the construction of the cave, the project reaches for the purity and human impulse found in the oldest known art. In this spirit, the group of artists will draw and paint on the interior walls of the cave in a manner relevant to the project, searching for our own method of art, communication and purpose as our record of contemporary life.

THE CAVE PROJECT is the concept and design of artist, Laura Francis. Participating artists include Laura Francis, Ben Ahles (NY), Phil Musen, Shannon Wright (GA), Jean-Jacque du Plessis, Nichole Speciale, Mishayla Greist Schmidt and Katie Brockway.

Please find the attached progress photos of the installation. For more information or to schedule a private tour, please contact Laura Francis by email, [laura@gallery263.com](mailto:laura@gallery263.com). For exhibition hours, please visit the website at [www.gallery263.com](http://www.gallery263.com). Gallery 263 Residency Program is grateful to the generous support of the **Cambridge Arts Council** and **Massachusetts Cultural Council**.



