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## Press Release

### **Haunch of Venison Appoints Architect Steven Learner to Design New York Gallery Space**

Opening Late 2007

Contemporary gallery Haunch of Venison is delighted to announce that Steven Learner Studio will design the gallery's new exhibition space in New York. Steven Learner Studio, a New York based architecture firm, has a reputation for innovative and inspiring work through residential, commercial and cultural projects, revolving around modern and contemporary art.

Current commissions of Steven Learner Studio include painter Barnaby Furnas's Brooklyn townhouse, a private gallery in Connecticut for collectors Melva Bucksbaum and Ray Leary and residences in California, Sagaponack and New York. Past clients included the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum café and the Sean Kelly, VBH and Art in General galleries, all in New York. Before establishing his own office, Learner worked for Richard Gluckman Architects and was involved in projects such as the Andy Warhol Foundation and the Tony Shafrazi, Paula Cooper and Marlborough galleries as well as residences for art collectors, dealers and artists.

The 20,000ft<sup>2</sup> space is on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> floors of Rockefeller Center, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, and will be used to showcase historically important exhibitions of contemporary and post-war work, as well as exhibit work from some of the most exciting artists working today. Due to open late 2007, the gallery adds to Haunch of Venison exhibition spaces in London and Zurich and a project space in Berlin.

"Steven Learner has great experience and a true understanding of the architectural requirements of contemporary art spaces, making him perfectly suited to design Haunch of Venison's New York gallery," commented co-founding directors of Haunch of Venison Harry Blain and Graham Southern. "Exhibiting artists, curators and visitors alike will experience a space tailored to presenting the best in international contemporary art. We see the design of the new space as an essential part of the overall experience of visiting the gallery, and we are excited to be working with someone with Steven's reputation."

Steven Learner added, "I look forward to working with Haunch of Venison and their artists. This will be a unique location, a penthouse of galleries exhibiting contemporary art surrounded by superlative views of New York. The new space will offer a variety of scales for exhibiting different types of art, presenting a strong contemporary image of what an art space can be."

The U.S. activities of Haunch of Venison will be managed by new director Barrett White, and the first exhibition in the space will be announced later in 2007.



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Editors' Notes

**Haunch of Venison**

Founded in 2002 by Harry Blain and Graham Southern, Haunch of Venison supports and develops the work of some of the world's most important and exciting contemporary artists, including Bill Viola, Wim Wenders, Richard Long, Anton Henning and Jorge Pardo. Haunch of Venison also has a gallery space in Zurich and will be opening a project space in Berlin in 2007. In 2006, the London gallery's artistic programme included major exhibitions by Bill Viola and James Rosenquist in multiple venues across the capital. The Zurich gallery's programme included major new bodies of work from key artists including Jane & Louise Wilson and Keith Tyson. In February 2007, Haunch of Venison was acquired by Christie's International.  
[www.haunchofvenison.com](http://www.haunchofvenison.com)

**Steven Learner Studio**

Steven Learner Studio is an architecture and interior design practice founded in 1996 by principal Steven Learner. Learner, who received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Parsons School of Design, Los Angeles, and his Masters in Architecture from Harvard University Graduate School of Design, is an active contemporary art collector and has been a member of the Museum of Modern Art's Contemporary Arts Council for 12 years. Steven Learner Studio has been featured in *The New York Times Magazine*, *Art in America*, *the London Times*, *Architectural Digest* and *Interior Design*.  
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