

## **JANET BIGGS**

### **Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick**

**December 6th & 7th, 9pm**

**The Catalina Hotel pool**

Claire Oliver Gallery, in cooperation with the flow art fair, proudly presents Janet Biggs' "Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick". Performed in and around the pool at the Catalina Hotel, Biggs will combine the athletic power and pageantry of Olympic synchronized swimmers, pounding rhythmic drum beats and a spectacular large-scale video projection to create a live multi-media performance. Performances are at 9 p.m., Wednesday December 6th and Thursday December 7th, at The Catalina Hotel, north building, 1756 Collins Ave @ 18th St.



Examining the rhythm of daily life, the comfort gained by actions known and repeated, and the isolating anxiety and chaos felt when those repeated actions turn into obsession or compulsion, Biggs uses beauty and athleticism as a portal into a topsy-turvy underwater world that focuses on the links and disconnects in a rhythmic progression from comfort to chaos.

"Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick" opens with two synchronized swimmers entering the pool. The swimmers perform a series of synchronized moves to the metronome-like beats of two drummers partially submerged in the water, while large-scale prerecorded video images, interspersed with an underwater camera's live feed of the swimmers' dance, plays on the ten foot high screen behind the pool. The beat is echoed and expanded upon by a percussionist playing poolside, building from a basic rhythm into an aggressive crescendo to which the synchronized swimmers perform a spectacular, above and below water gravity-defying production of agility and strength.

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Gala Preview: December 6th, 6-10pm

Janet Biggs' Performance: December 6th & 7th, 9pm

Exhibition: December 7th - December 10th, 2006

#### **Claire Oliver Gallery - Room 180**

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