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***Plans for the New City***

Gala Bent

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**Portland, OR** - Half/Dozen is pleased to present *Plans for the New City* by artist Gala Bent. This body of work examines the way that a city, and even a single building, can act as a utopian vision of paradise on earth or a mystical vision of “The New City.”

The imagery in Bent’s work explores how the buildings we reside in can take on a life of their own, almost becoming creatures in themselves. Cities have neurological systems in the form of communication networks, venal systems of water and waste. In a conceptual parallel, Bent’s drawings make use of hair, eyes, bodies and animals that become biological-architectural systems. But the work is also skeptical of the possibilities of finding perfect civic balance, and the cracks and leaks are plainly visible.

Bent received her MFA from SUNY in Buffalo, NY and currently resides in Seattle, WA. Her work was recently included in the 9th Northwest Biennial at the Tacoma Art Museum and she was part of the 2009 annual Summer Introductions group show at the Seattle Art Museum Gallery. She also had a solo show at Gallery 4Culture this past April in Seattle.

Half/Dozen is located in the Everett Station Galleries at 625 NW Everett St, #111, Portland, OR 97209.

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