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## Hye Joung Park *Swirl (mounted) 2009*

### Statement

'You are a centre of the world.

I once made a video of my eyes scanning a new world. I had just arrived in the city Nantes, in France, for a six months stay. It gave me comfort to imagine that my eyes were like anchors and the rest of world was moving around me. Leaving a familiar space to arrive in a new environment, had given me the feeling of being a core of a floating world. This sense gradually disappeared within me as I learned how to navigate the new place and the less I got lost there. Things that float interest me because they convey this sense of flux. What appears static and weightless is in fact the result of a constant friction of gravity and mass'.

Hye Joung has adapted *Swirl* from a floor standing piece to fit into the m2 gallery. This gives it a very different presence and identity from how it was seen at her recent post-graduation exhibition at the Slade. In the m2 gallery, *Swirl* is physically confined and restricted, yet the stainless steel ball carries on revolving on a vortex of water, expanding our horizons and reflecting a new world of urban activity on Kings Grove.

**2007-2009** Slade School of Fine Art, MFA, London, UK

**2001-2005** Iceland Academy of the Arts, BA, Reykjavik, Iceland

**2004** Ecole des Beaux-arts de Nantes, Exchange student, France

**2001-2002** Reykjavik school of Art, Foundation studies, Reykjavik, Iceland

**1995-2001** Seoul National University, BVMSc, Seoul, South Korea

**1997-1998** ICYE (International Cultural Youth Exchange), Participant in Iceland

### Selected exhibitions

**June 09** MFA Degree Show, Slade School of Art, UK

**May 08** *Upwind* for Module Mobile Box, Group exhibition of 10 artists from Iceland and Sweden as a part of Reykjavik Art Festival 2008 ([www.artfest.is](http://www.artfest.is)), Iceland

**June 07** Solo exhibition *Double Action* at ASI Museum, Iceland ([www.asi.is](http://www.asi.is))

**Jan 07** Collaboration show *Exposure* with Karl Omarsson, Gallery Sudursudurvegur, Iceland ([www.sudsudvestur.is](http://www.sudsudvestur.is))

**Dec 06** Solo exhibition *No Man's Land*, BANANANANAS, Iceland

**Feb 06** *Drawings*, Group show at Skuli i Tuni, artists run studio space, Iceland

**May 05** BA Degree show, Iceland Academy of the Arts, Iceland

**April 05** Group show *Austrumu kontakt*, The Dieter Roth Academy Workshop, Iceland