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RAYMOND PETTIBON: DRAWINGS

7 September - 4 October 1995

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 11-5

Opening reception: Thursday, September 7, 6:00-8:00 pm

Regen Projects is pleased to present drawings by **Raymond Pettibon** for its inaugural show of the season. **Pettibon** will mix up older drawings and recent works salon-style on the main gallery wall, and install two large site-specific drawings on the end walls.

Pettibon, recently back from a monumental exhibition at the Kunsthalle in Bern, Switzerland, where some 900 works were exhibited, including drawings, wall drawings, unique artist books, paintings, video, collages, and photocopied booklets (STP, SST, Superflux Pubs), has proven to be one of the most lyrical, prolific, even "southern Californian," literary *visual* artist of his generation. Collapsing high and low, **Pettibon** reaches into the interstices and rubble of American culture, touching on politics, religion, pop culture, *noir*, sexuality, sports, violence, current events, the idyllic and pastoral, fate, and rendering them in such a way that meaning implodes, and the illustrative becomes illuminative. The singular drawing style (often varied, and certainly progressive in his decades of making work) and the inclusion of text (whether his own fiction, or passages borrowed from Saint John of the Cross, Walter Pater, John Ruskin, Sappho, crime-detective novels, Proust, religious tracts, the Holy Bible, and so on) leads to a filterless cosmology where **Pettibon's** brilliance is spotlighted center stage.

In a bio, republished in the Bern catalogue, **Pettibon** describes himself:

Raymond Pettibon is a resident of the Americas and has lived in the Northern and Southern hemispheres most of his life. Born in 1957, however some sources place the date as 1944 or as early as the late thirties, after a varied career that has included work as a lumberjack, ambulance driver (in France during the war), merchant seaman on a tramp steamer, reporter and newspaper editor and bartender, he now devotes his full time to the art of fiction.

For further information please contact Stuart Regen or Shaun Caley at the gallery (310) 276-5424 or by fax (310) 276-7430.

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