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James Castle: Selected Works
November 4 – December 27, 2008



untitled, 5 x 6.75 inches, soot, unknown pigment, string, found paper

Edlin Gallery is pleased to present a collection of works by James Castle concurrent with the stunning retrospective exhibition recently opened at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, traveling to the Art Institute of Chicago and Berkeley Museum of Art. Show dates are **November 4 - December 27, 2008**. The opening reception will be Thursday, November 6th from 6 to 8 PM.

We are also excited to announce a special screening on Thursday evening, November 13th of the newly released documentary film produced by the **Foundation for Self-Taught American Artists** and directed by Jeffrey Wolf, *James Castle: Portrait of an Artist*.

James Castle (1899-1977) was born profoundly deaf and never learned to speak, read, or write, yet this self-taught artist produced a prodigious body of work over his lifetime. Now widely recognized in both the "Outsider" and mainstream art worlds, the audience for Castle continues to grow. Using mostly found materials including soot from his family's hearth and his own saliva, Castle turned out stunning, austere drawings of his surroundings in rural Idaho as well as a plethora of assemblages, constructions and books of various shapes and sizes.