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THE FABRIC OF LIFE

Ethan Cohen Fine Arts

14 Jay Street, Tribeca

November 10 – December 16, 2011



NEW YORK- Ethan Cohen Fine Arts is pleased to announce *The Fabric of Life*, an installation of video and prints by Ali Hossaini. In a 2010 review, the *New York Times* described Hossaini as a "biochemist turned philosopher turned television producer turned visual poet." His richly colored, sensual imagery contains surprisingly cerebral currents that draw on science, philosophy and spirituality.

The Fabric of Life questions the structure of experience by probing its fundamental elements. Undulating forms representing thought, perception and feeling dissolve into hallucinatory passages of pure color, taking on abstract, musical qualities. Shot in Iceland, Greenland, Italy, France, Madagascar, Burma and other locales, the installation explores themes ranging from the death of the artist's mother to the evolution of the cosmos.

Live action is combined with 3D and generative animation. Included are excerpts from three video cycles, *Epiphany*, *Ouroboros* and *Oceanic Verses* with presentations of *Unperception Now*, *Memory Begins* and *4Monkeys*. A special version of *Executive Privilege*, a 3D tribute to Chinese artist Ai Weiwei, will be shown.

Ali Hossaini's work has been exhibited in venues such as the Lincoln Center, the Museum of the Moving Image, Anthology Film Archives and the Montreal Festival of Film on Art. The opera *Oceanic Verses*, a collaboration with composer Paola Prestini, opens at the Kennedy Center in June, 2012.

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Exhibition opening November 10, 6 – 8pm **Artist talk** November 12, 3 pm

Location Ethan Cohen Fine Arts, 14 Jay Street, Tribeca, New York City

Ethan Cohen Fine Arts is based in Tribeca, New York City. Its director, Ethan Cohen, cultivates emerging and established artists from China, Japan, Thailand, Russia, and the Americas. In the 1980's he spearheaded the Chinese Avant Garde in America, giving Ai Weiwei his first solo exhibition. He serves as advisor and curator to museums and biennales, including *We Are Your Future* at the 2007 Moscow Biennale. He describes Ali Hossaini's work as, "...original, poetic and highly sophisticated, with technical mastery of the medium. *The Fabric of Life* is a natural progression in my pursuit of new ideas and fresh artistic vision."

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