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Epsten Gallery presents the solo exhibition, *andrew schell - organism*

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Kansas City, MO / Overland Park, KS — The Epsten Gallery presents *andrew schell - organism*, a solo exhibition of installation and multimedia work by Billings, Montana-based artist Andrew Schell. This exhibition opens Sunday, November 18, 2007, at the Epsten Gallery at Village Shalom with a reception from 2-4 p.m. and informal gallery talk with the artist at 3 p.m. This exhibition remains on view through Sunday, January 20, 2008.

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In *organism*, artist Andrew Schell draws on the properties of painting, sculpture and video to create layered, two-dimensional constructions that transform the Epsten Gallery into a multimedia environment. Schell's installation represents a constellation of mechanical bodies or "organisms" that become an apt metaphor for the duality of separation and connectivity existing between humanity and technology.

Combining visual references from our hyper-functional information age with his own coded iconography, Schell's installation vignettes address the group dynamics of public space versus the sovereignty of individuality. In this context, Schell utilizes imagery similar to topographical maps, Doppler radar, digital imaging, circuit boards, industrial design and ergonomics, along with schematic renderings of his own personal affects, to create his improvised compositions. Schell then further layers his two-dimensional visual constructions with video projections, to establish shifting scrims of both real and imagined industrialized parts that become parallel in their potential to emerge complete and integral within newly invented systems.

The Epsten Gallery is a contemporary gallery space located on the grounds of Village Shalom, an innovative assisted-living community located in Overland Park, Kansas. A project of the Kansas City Jewish Museum Foundation, The Epsten Gallery plays an integral role in developing the region's vital contemporary art scene by enriching the lives of the Village Shalom residents and the greater community with an exhibition program featuring prominent artists from the Kansas City region and beyond.

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