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**Joe Walters**
***Understory***
**September 22 – October 29, 2005**

Solomon Projects is pleased to present Joe Walters's highly anticipated exhibition of sculpture and works on paper entitled *Understory*. This exhibition premieres more than twenty new sculptures, along with an accompanying series of works on paper. *Understory* will be on view from September 22 – October 29, 2005. Please join us for an opening reception with the artist on Thursday, September 22 from 7 – 9 PM.

*Understory* demonstrates anew Joe Walters's talent as an acute observer of the natural world. For this exhibition, the artist has turned his attention to the "understory," the area of plant and animal life growing beneath the forest canopy. As with all his work, each sculpture in this exhibition is hand-modeled polymer clay, and finished with numerous layers of sand and paint to create a rich, textured appearance. Composed of downed branches, fallen leaves, seedpods and other forest debris, these are Walters's musings on the structure and beauty of this complex environment. The series evokes the artistic tradition of "still life," capturing in material form the ephemerality of life. For Walters, the continual cycle of germination and decomposition is a metaphor for the fragility and brevity of human life.

This is Joe Walters's third solo exhibition at Solomon Projects. His sculpture installations and works of paper have been exhibited widely in museums around the country, most recently at the Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC; Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art, Jacksonville, FL; Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, SC; SECCA, Winston-Salem, NC; and *Piccolo Spoleto: Contemporary Charleston 2004*, Charleston, SC. He holds a MFA in sculpture from East Carolina University, Greenville, NC and is the recipient of a NEA Visual Arts Fellowship in Sculpture. His sculptural installations are included in such notable collections as the Kemper Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO, Clemson University, Clemson, SC and Emory University, Atlanta, GA. Walters received a Southern Arts Federation/National endowment for the Arts Regional Fellowship in 1995. Joe Walters was born in Kentucky. He resides and works in Charleston, SC.

For more information about the artist and to view works in the show, kindly refer to our website, www.solomonprojects.com or contact Nancy Solomon or Alexandra Sachs: info@solomonprojects.com. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10 AM to 6 PM, and by appointment.