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Work by internationally acclaimed artist Dennis Oppenheim to make a big splash in Indian Wells.

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DENNIS OPPENHEIM : splash buildings

The name Dennis Oppenheim has become synonymous with some of the most exciting and avant-garde contemporary art movements of the last half century. Emerging as a pioneer of Earthworks in the late 1960s, he has pursued an adventurous career in body and performance art, film and video, as well as sculpture and installation. Continuing his examination of macrocosm and microcosm, Oppenheim's most recent work focuses on the atmospheric fusion of architecture and sculpture. By creating objects that can be quickly grasped by the viewer while forcing a shift in scale, he miniaturizes the human experience, challenging a change in perception of both the object and the self.

Dennis Oppenheim's newest series of work, *Splash Buildings* (2009) depict giant tear drops crashing and bursting upward into a forms that create exterior structures conceptualized and designed as buildings reaching forty stories high. The *Splash Buildings* were on display at the Frank Gehry designed Marta Herford Museum, in Germany last year. The work then traveled to one of the most important archeological sites of Southern Italy, Scolacium, where a collision of ancient architecture and visionary contemporary art occurred. This year three, sixty five foot tall, *Splash Buildings*, animated by LEDs, are being installed at the entrance way to Huston, Texas as one leaves the international airport.

Royale Projects is staging an indoor/outdoor exhibition with a series of drawings that are studies for the *Splash Buildings* and sculptural works that tower as high as 15 feet.

Dennis Oppenheim is in the permanent collections of over 100 major museums worldwide including the Tate Gallery in London, the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam, the Whitney Museum of American Art and the Museum of Modern Art in New York, LACMA and MOCA in Los Angeles, and the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris. This is the first solo exhibition of Dennis Oppenheim's work at Royale Projects.

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