

# DEREK ELLER GALLERY

North Room: **Dirk Kreckler**

*The X-Files*

*February 12 - March 13, 2004*

***Opening Reception: Thursday, February 12, 6 - 8 pm***

In the North Gallery, German artist Dirk Kreckler has his North America debut. Kreckler is a sculptor and this rings clear in his drawings where the drawing tool, a manual typewriter, hangs so present in our minds when we view the work.

In his latest works, the entire page is covered in the tone and impression of typewriter keys striking soft paper. Shadows of jets stream through a fog of Xs, while other pictures look like aerial photographs. The images are similar to those tourists snap of or from planes, trying in vain to capture a sense of foreign destinations, and awaiting adventures. In Kreckler's work, the sentimentality of trying to capture a beginning or end is replaced with a simple love of that moment: flight/transience. This may or may not be equally sentimental, but it is certainly more deliberate. Like classical sculpture, the image is fixed into place, one strike of the key at a time. The small chisel hammers down through an ink soaked ribbon, and attempts to express motion by freezing an instant of it.

Derek Eller Gallery is located at 526 West 25th Street, 2nd floor. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 11am - 6pm. For further information or visuals, please contact the gallery at 212.206.6411 or visit [www.derekeller.com](http://www.derekeller.com).