GLADSTONE GALLERY

Roe Ethridge "Interiors" 12 Rue du Grand Cerf, 1000 Brussels September 8 – October 12, 2012 Opening September 7, 6 – 9 pm

Gladstone Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of photographs by Roe Ethridge installed at the gallery's Brussels location. Effortlessly employing an array of classic photographic genres – from portraiture to still life to landscape – Ethridge captures his subjects and surrounding environment in vivid, intimate detail. Ethridge combines the glossy, prefabricated affect of commercial photography with the thought-provoking perspective of fine art photography to create works at once familiar and uncanny, nostalgic and distinctly contemporary.

For the exhibition "Interiors," Ethridge draws on the tradition of domestic portraiture, depicting scenes of kitchens, dining rooms, and bedrooms to create tableaux that invert conventional ideas of domesticity and transform mundane scenes into captivating and often unsettling portraits. "Interiors" investigates the broad world of personal space, featuring images of Ethridge's home and studio, magazine photographs of staged bedrooms inspired by the suburban aesthetic, and billboard advertisements. Drawing on diverse manifestations of interior design and the representation of space, Ethridge creates unexpected portraits that challenge the viewer's perspective and turn familiar objects into nearly abstract images.

Born in 1969 in Miami, Florida, Roe Ethridge studied photography in Atlanta, Georgia before leaving the southern states to work in New York. His photographs have appeared in solo exhibitions at the Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston; Garage, Moscow; and Le Consortium, Dijon, France. His work has also been included in numerous group exhibitions, including at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, Colorado; 2008 Whitney Biennial, New York; The Barbican Center, London; and at the Museum of Modern Art/P.S. 1, New York.

Thomas Hirschhorn "Concordia, Concordia" 530 West 21st Street September 14 – October 20, 2012 Opening September 13, 6 – 8 pm

Andro Wekua "Dreaming Dreaming" 515 West 24th Street September 21 – November 3, 2012 Opening September 20, 6 – 8 pm

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