

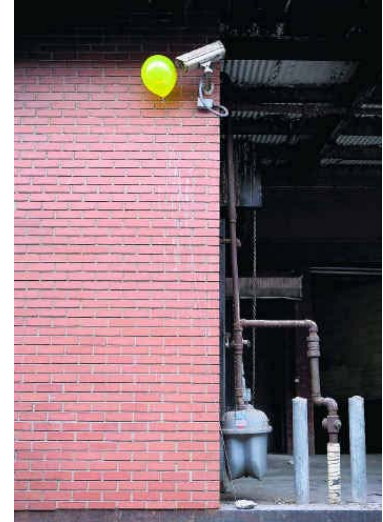
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Gallery Gourmet:

William Lamson at Marty Walker (excerpt)

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The exhibit's centerpiece is a series of 33 short videos titled "**Actions**," featuring the artist and his signature black balloons. He guns them down with a BB pistol, shoots them with arrows and stages surprisingly dramatic contests between himself and his co-stars. Along the way, he creates images and situations that touch on traditional art concerns of drawing, sculpture and performance. Buster Keaton, action movies, geometric abstraction and abstract expressionism all seem to be influences. In his videos, Mr. Lamson handles these influences gracefully and knowingly. *Charles Dee Mitchell.*



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William Lamson: Actions

[Marty Walker Gallery](#)

Opens Saturday, Sept. 6, 6-8 pm

Through October 11. 214-749-0066



"[Lamson](#)'s video **Actions** depicts 33 short video performances involving the artist, black balloons and low-tech yet carefully calculated machinations designed to perform a variety of feats, both humorous, yet comically sinister. In the series **Interventions**, Lamson photographs mundane urban settings humorously altered staging commonplace objects in unexpected, poetic, arrangements." Marty Walker even partnered with Scott + Cooper and Renaissance Audio Video to set up a "state-of-the-art" video lounge. It should be quite the experience!



William Lamson: Actions

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Balloons can be fun or scary, depending on how close they are to someone with a pin. But rarely have balloons been labeled "macabre." William Lamson incorporates the set-up and destruction of balloons into his short videos. William Lamson's **Actions** runs through October 11 at Marty Walker Gallery (Tuesday-Saturday, 11-5). Marty Walker Gallery 2135 Farrington St. Dallas, TX 75207. Call 214-749-0066 or visit: www.martywalkergallery.com.