



PREVIEW: **Frances Bagley: Happy Daze**
Matthew Porter: High Lonesome

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Frances Bagley's new work continues to explore and address aspects of the body and perceptions of absence and presence with an alluring and provocative layering of mixed media, combining the artist's signature figures with carefully constructed although seemingly haphazard assemblages of objects and materials -the end result is a mutation of mediums, fantastically depicting abstract narratives that can be seen as both painting and sculpture. Ms. Bagley has exhibited extensively throughout her career, recent exhibitions include the *2007 Texas Biennial* in Austin, and the *10th Kajima Sculpture Exhibition* in Tokyo, Japan, for which Bagley was an award recipient. Bagley's work is included in several museum and corporate collections, including The National Museum of Women in Washington D.C., The El Paso Museum, and American Airlines, among others. (pictured: Bagley's mixed media installation *Happy Daze*)

Also showing at the gallery, the latest photographs from **Matthew Porter**, who crafts cinematic "moments" in epic settings of distant narratives, touching on Hollywood iconography and adolescent fantasies



-emphasizing the inherent nature of a photograph is to celebrate the instantaneous capture of a moment in time. Porter received a Master of Fine Arts in 2006 from ICP/Bard, New York City and was awarded "The John Bard Award for Excellence in Photography". Most recently, Porter was invited as a featured artist for the SCOPE Miami art fair 2008, and his work has appeared in national and international publications including Photo District News "30 New and Emerging Photographers in 2003". It is interesting to note that the artist is the grandson of famed color landscape photography pioneer Eliot Porter. Matthew Porter lives and works in Brooklyn, NY. (pictured: Porter's photograph *Lonely are the Brave*)

-Scot Craig Hart, March 2009