Bill Jacobson

Place (Series)
New Photographs

Opening Reception: Friday, March 30, 2012, 5:00-7:00 pm
Exhibition Dates: March 30 – May 12, 2012
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James Kelly Contemporary is pleased to present our first exhibition of photographs by Bill Jacobson. The main gallery will feature eight images from his recent Place (Series); in the rear gallery there will be a small selection of earlier work made between 1995 and 2008.
Jacobson sums up his work as follows: “Inherent throughout my practice is the dialogue between absence and presence, the constant fading of history, and the vagaries of perception. In each body of work there are references to our individual and collective memories, and the various ways we hold on to some images while, over time, are letting go of others. For the past two and a half years, during two residencies at MacDowell and in my Brooklyn studio, I’ve been working on a new group of photographs titled Place (Series). They are the result of inserting rectangles of various sizes and surfaces in both constructed and natural settings. Ideally, they question what is ‘real’ and what is ‘abstract’, while suggesting that the notion of place, and the act of placing, come from choice, and desire.”


He has had six residencies at MacDowell Colony since 1994, and has also been to Yaddo, The Edward Albee Foundation, and Blue Mountain Center. Fellowships were awarded from the Aaron Siskind Foundation in 1995 and the New York Foundation for the Arts in 1994. Three monographs have been published of Jacobson’s work: bill jacobson 1989-1997, Twin Palms Publishers (Santa Fe) 1998; Photographs, Hatje Cantz Verlag (Stuttgart) 2005; and A Series of Human Decisions, Decode Books (Seattle) 2009. Copies will be available at the gallery.

An overview of Jacobson’s photographs since 1975 can be found at www.billjacobsonstudio.com, and images of the exhibition will be available on the gallery website www.jameskelly.com. High-resolution images for press are available upon request.

James Kelly Contemporary is located at 550 S. Guadalupe St., Santa Fe, NM 87501. Gallery hours for the duration of this show are Tuesday through Friday from 10:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 11:00-5:00 p.m. Monday is by appointment.

Please contact the gallery by phone at 505.989.1601, fax at 505.989.5005, or email jim@jameskelly.com for more information.

The artist will be in attendance for the opening at James Kelly Contemporary, on March 30 from 5-7 pm.