

DEREK ELLER GALLERY

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North Room:

André Ethier

Kinda French

June 1 - June 30, 2012

Opening Reception: Friday, June 1, 6-8pm

Derek Eller Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of new paintings by Toronto-based artist André Ethier.

In his fifth show at the gallery, André Ethier contests the borders of irony and earnestness, combining self-deprecating humor with sincere appreciation for banalities and everyday strangeness. He approaches each work without a definitive subject in mind, he improvises the content and compositions, employing an array of application techniques to create luscious, painterly surfaces. Evoking art historical precedents from Francis Picabia to Greek black-figure pottery, Ethier conjures intense imagery that is both uncanny and strikingly familiar.

André Ethier has had solo exhibitions in Los Angeles, Torino, Miami, Copenhagen, Toronto, and Madrid. His work was recently featured in the group shows *Fairy Tales, Monsters, and The Genetic Imagination*, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, TN and *Portraits: Cabinet de Curiosités*, Galerie Bertrand & Gruner, Geneva, Switzerland, and André Ethier and Janet Beckhouse at Neon Parc, Melbourne, Australia.

Derek Eller Gallery is located at 615 West 27th Street, between 11th and 12th Avenues. 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.