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Ridley Howard

New Paintings

Dec. 2nd, 2006 - Jan 20th, 2007

Opening reception for the artist: December 2nd, 6-8pm

Solomon Projects is pleased to announce the Atlanta premiere of new paintings by Atlanta native Ridley Howard. This much anticipated exhibition opens on December 2nd and will continue through January 20th, 2007. The artist will be present at the opening reception to take place from 6 - 8pm on Saturday evening December 2nd.

Ridley Howard's most recent work juxtaposes the grand and introspective in beautifully painted portraits. The works allude to masculine experience and are loosely based on his own relationships. Howard uses the language of portraiture and cinema to create large-scale paintings of intimate stories.

Howard draws from film, music, illustration and posters, as well as American and European 'scene' painting traditions. Artists from Alex Katz and Edward Hopper to Fra Angelico and Piero della Francesca seem to merge into an unexpectedly odd and personal world.

Ridley Howard attended the University of Georgia and received his MFA from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. In 2000, he was a resident at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture. Past work has been exhibited at the EAST International in Norwich, England, curated by Neo Rauch. Howard is the recipient of grants from the Joan Mitchell Foundation and Pollock-Krasner Foundation. This is his first solo show at Solomon Projects. Howard was born and raised in Atlanta. He lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

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