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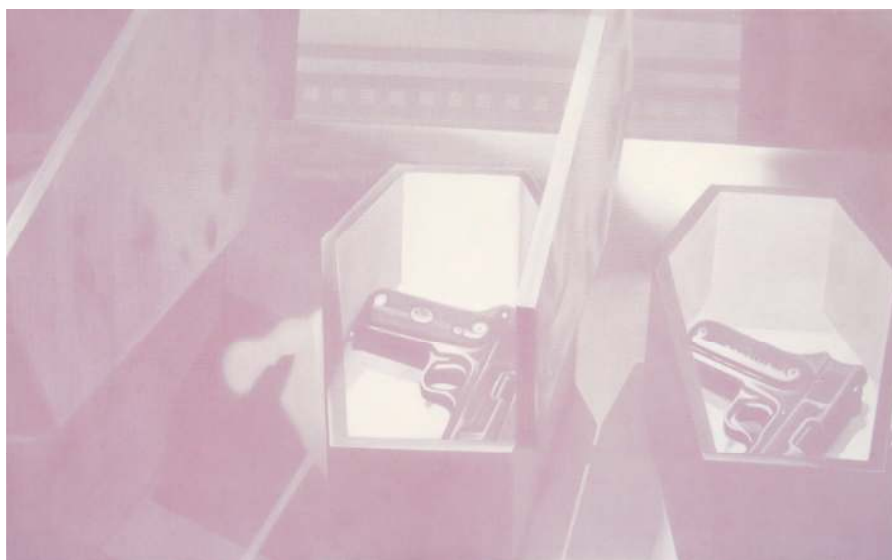
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Flashpoint Gallery Presents Andrew Wodzianski



House

October 8 – November 7, 2009

Opening reception: Thursday, October 8, 6-8pm

House Party: Friday, October 30, 9-12pm

Washington, DC – Flashpoint Gallery is pleased to present Andrew Wodzianski's *House*, an exhibition of thirteen new works that commemorate the 50th anniversary of director William Castle's campy horror film, *House on Haunted Hill*. This unusual and interactive exhibition will feature not only paintings and works on paper, but also a scavenger hunt as well as a funerary performance by Wodzianski on the opening night of the exhibition.

Wodzianski's soft focus, pastel-hued paintings form the backbone of the exhibition. The compositions borrow directly from the film, *House on Haunted Hill*, though Wodzianski has eerily omitted the human figure from each of the paintings. Wodzianski says, "appropriating stills from this b-movie allowed me not only to immortalize and pay homage to a cult classic genre picture, but also to explore themes of decadence, greed, and depravity that still resonate today."

Wodzianski also adopts the gimmickry and showmanship for which Castle was legendary through the context of the marketing, promotion and events surrounding the exhibition. A scavenger hunt, *House Hunt DC*, will begin October 8 during which the artist will release a series of five clues via Twitter (twitter.com/househuntedc).

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Scavenger hunt winners will redeem their findings to win actual paintings from the exhibition on October 30, during *House Party*, a costume party and gallery fundraiser. Tickets to the party are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door and free for the five scavenger hunt winners.

An essay by F. Lennox Campello, artist, art dealer, critic and one of the web's seminal visual arts bloggers, will accompany the exhibition.

Abra Cadaver, an exhibition of Wodzianski's drawings will be on view concurrently at [Fraser Gallery](#) in Bethesda, MD. The exhibition opens October 9 from 6-9pm and runs through November 14.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Andrew Wodzianski lives and works in Washington, DC. After receiving his MFA at the Maryland Institute College of Art's Hoffberger School of Painting, Wodzianski went on to show at Fraser Gallery in Bethesda, MD, The Rodger LaPelle Gallery in Philadelphia, PA, The Mclean Project for the Arts in Mclean, VA and DCAC in Washington, DC. Wodzianski has also shown at Artomatic in Washington, DC, art fairs in New York, NY and Miami, FL and the Cafritz Foundation Arts Center in Silver Spring, MD. Wodzianski's work is in The City Hall Arts Collection at the Wilson Building.

ABOUT THE FLASHPOINT GALLERY PROGRAM

Flashpoint Gallery is dedicated to nurturing artists, expanding their visibility and encouraging dialogue between artists and arts patrons. As a nonprofit gallery, Flashpoint provides a special opportunity for artists and curators to present new media, site-specific installations, performance pieces and other experimental forms free from the constraints of commercial expectations. An advisory panel of noted artists and arts professionals oversees the programming for the gallery and provides mentorship and support to exhibiting artists. The Flashpoint Gallery, a Cultural Development Corporation project, is generously supported by the Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, Tim Hyde, The Kresge Foundation, the MARPAT Foundation, the Eugene & Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, Prince Charitable Trusts, the Summit Fund and many other sponsors. Hotel Helix is Flashpoint's 2009-2010 Hotel Partner. Barefoot Wine is Flashpoint's 2009-2010 Wine Partner.

ABOUT FLASHPOINT

Flashpoint, a Cultural Development Corporation project, is a non-profit, multi-disciplinary arts space dedicated to nurturing emerging artists and cultural organizations in order to build their professional capacity. Flashpoint provides services and training for cultural organizations to help strengthen their management capacity and offers exhibit and performance spaces that enable arts groups to focus on their artistic goals and expand their visibility. Flashpoint includes a contemporary art gallery, the 75-seat Mead Theatre Lab, the Coors Dance Studio and shared office space for arts organizations.

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