

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Michael Endo, *Rah Rah Rah***

March 25 - April 25, 2010

Opening Reception: Last Thursday, March 25, 6 - 10PM  
(Gallery Hours: Saturday and Sunday 12 - 3PM, and by appointment)

**FalseFront**

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FalseFront is pleased to present new paintings by Portland based artist Michael Endo.

**Artist's Statement:**

I am often enthralled by the discarded, decayed and unfinished. An abandoned gymnasium retains an imprint of the events and people that passed through it. The gnarled lines and cracked asphalt of a parking lot hold a glimmer of the utopian ideal that suburbia represents. These places are between time, existing in their physically experienced state and as a phantom of what they were.

My paintings are the suppressed memories of a collected and imagined past. They are neither truth nor fiction, but move between these absolutes. Culling from film, television, history, the news, and my imagination, I recover a moment that communicates a transformative experience.

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**Artist's CV:**

b. 1979 in Portland, OR

**Education**

- 2009 MFA, Painting. Cranbrook Academy of Art
- 2006 BA, Painting / Art History. Portland State University.
- 2003 AA, AS. Portland Community College

**Selected Experience**

- 2010 Registrar, Bullseye Gallery, Portland, Oregon
- 2009 Artist's Assistant to Beverly Fishman, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
- 2009 Teacher, Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Rochester, Michigan
- 2009 Teaching Assistant, Cranbrook Academy of Art. Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
- 2008 Teacher, Cranbrook Summer Institute. Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

**Solo Exhibitions**

- 2010 Rah Rah Rah, False Front Studio, Portland, OR.
- 2006 Lines of Communication, Rake Art Gallery, Portland, OR.
- 2006 The Infinite Divide, MK Gallery, Portland, OR.
- 2005 Where it is That They Really Live, Urban Wine Works, Portland, OR.
- 2005 Portraits, Wall Gallery, Portland, OR.

**Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2009 Loose Canon: 2009 Cranbrook Academy of Art Graduate Exhibition. Cranbrook Art Museum. Bloomfield Hills, MI.
- 2009 Wolverine –vs- Crane: University of Michigan and Cranbrook Academy of Art. University of Michigan Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2008 Ephemeral Sensuality. Forum Gallery, Cranbrook Art Museum. Bloomfield Hills, MI.
- 2008 Cranbrook Moves South. Café 1923. Hamtramck, MI.
- 2008 CSAI 2008. Forum Gallery, Cranbrook Art Museum. Bloomfield Hills, MI.
- 2007 Hotel Pontiac. Forum Gallery, Cranbrook Art Museum. Bloomfield Hills, MI.
- 2007 The Dynamic Sphere of Painting. Rake Art Gallery. Portland, OR.
- 2006 Hand and Word. Autzen Gallery, Portland. OR.
- 2006 Color, Ink, Space. Yuan Yuan Art Center. Jinan, China (catalog)
- 2006 Process: A Portland Printmakers Group Show. Voleur. Portland, OR.
- 2005 Rake Art Group: Grand Opening. Rake Art Gallery. Portland, OR.
- 2005 Story Bound. Dean's Gallery, Portland State University. Portland, OR.
- 2005 Drawing Club: Group Exhibition. MK Gallery. Portland, OR.
- 2004 Drawing. Uncle Elizabeth's. Seattle, WA.
- 2004 Group Show. Utrecht Art Supply. Seattle, WA.

**Awards**

- 2008 Cranbrook Academy of Art Merit Scholarship
- 2006 Piacentini Scholarship. Portland State University
- 2005 Unitus Educational Scholarship