



Dear Andy (Montauk) #39
2008
Oil on canvas
24x24"



Dear Andy (Montauk) #48
2008
Oil on canvas
40x40"



Dear Andy (Montauk) #08
2007
Oil on canvas
24x24"



Dear Andy (Montauk) #54, 2008
Oil on canvas, 24x24"

Dear Andy (Montauk) #49
2008
Oil on canvas
40x40"

Jill Thayer Galleries at the Fox
presents

Mel Smothers

Thursday, June 12, 2008

6-8pm

Exhibition continues through August 16

Gallery Hours:

Fri-Sat 1-4 and by Appointment

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Located at the Historic Fox Theater
in Downtown Bakersfield

The exhibition showcases earlier works from Mel Smothers' **Fieldwork Series** of the Delta landscapes in Northern California. The series owes its inspiration to the wildlife refuge near the artist's studio in Davis, CA.

Currently residing in New York, Smothers has produced a new body of work showcasing contemporary paintings in LA.

Postcards to Andy Warhol reflects the visual clash between Smothers' West Coast Pop Art education with Wayne Thiebaud and moving to NYC, discovering the differences with Andy Warhol's Pop Art. The work engages constructs of nature and formal painting vs. mass production and commercialism.

Mel Smothers holds an MFA and his work is included in private and corporate collections internationally.

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I Painted Over Andy Warhol (Montauk) #48, 2007 Oil on panel, 12x12"

I Painted Over Andy Warhol (Montauk) #68
2007 Oil on canvas, 36x36"



Dear Andy (Montauk) #42, 2008
Oil on canvas, 10x10"



Dear Andy
(Montauk) #57
2008
Oil on canvas
24x24"



Dear Andy
(Montauk) #41
2008
Oil on canvas
10x10"





Crow Stories
2001
Oil on paper
16x20"



Hotel Lobby, Yosemite
2001
Oil on paper
16x20"



Light on Brown Sugar River 07
2006
Oil on panel
48x48"

Light on Brown Sugar River 02
2006
Oil on panel
24x48"

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Colorfield 32
2003
Oil on panel
48x48"



Fieldwork 55
2004
Oil on panel
24x24"



Fieldwork
2004
Oil on canvas
25x20"



Fieldwork 26
2004
Oil on canvas
24x30"



Fieldwork 57
2004
Oil on panel
48x48"

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