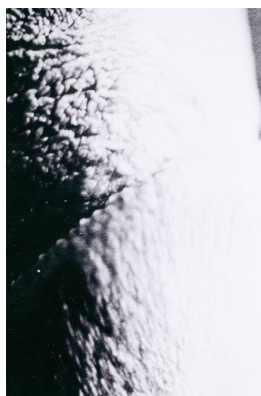


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FREDDY PRESENTS DICK

March 7th - March 28th, 2015

Opens Saturday, March 7th from 7-9pm

Freddy presents Dick is a selection of photographs taken by Ross Bleckner from the 1980s' to the present. This is the first exhibition consisting entirely of Bleckner's photography, though several images have appeared in publications and alongside his paintings in exhibition catalogues. The photos represent acquaintances and professional models, and were taken using both analogue and digital cameras.

The series is an ongoing investigation into the seduction and repulsion of desire. Though the photos relate obliquely to his paintings, they maintain a tension between intimacy and formality, which has been central to Bleckner's work over the course of his career.

"If you look at something long enough it loses its meaning." – Andy Warhol

Ross Bleckner (American, b. 1949) is an American artist who currently lives and works in New York. He studied at New York University with Sol LeWitt and Chuck Close before earning his Master of Fine Arts from the California Institute of the Arts in 1973. His work is largely based on the exploration of change, loss, and memory, often addressing the subject of AIDS. He had a major retrospective at the Guggenheim Museum (1995) and his work is held in major museum collections including the Museum of Modern Art, New York and the Whitney Museum of American Art. In 2009 he was the first artist to be awarded the title of Goodwill Ambassador by the United Nations.

A publication titled *Freddy presents Dick* accompanies the exhibition and is available for purchase.