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Whitney Claflin

Crows

January 4th - February 16th, 2014

Opening Reception Saturday January 4th 7 - 10 PM

Real Fine Arts is pleased to present *Crows*, a new exhibition by Whitney Claflin. *Crows* is the artist's second solo exhibition at the gallery and is composed of paintings, most of which are made on dead-stock, pre-fabricated surfaces, measuring 36 x 24 inches, and works on paper, some of which offer typewritten messages and some of which offer amorphous scrawlings.

The paintings, primarily oil on linen, encounter occasional embellishment such as wax, glitter, beads, wine, eyeshadow, paper, small chains and found bits of metal. While resisting figuration, their colors and materials evoke body parts, flowers, landscapes, and other paintings.

The works on paper are housed in a black display case measuring 106 inches in length, designed by the artist to occupy the center space of the gallery. Claflin's text-based works use old pop-psychology books to map out social experiences, the details of which are inspired by text taken from contemporary autobiographical fiction and phrases clipped from magazines.

These elements have been brought together to question the value of the informative exhibition.

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