

CONNER CONTEMPORARY ART

WAYNE GONZALES

November 4 - December 17, 2005

EDITIONS FAWBUSH : *recent publications* (gallery 2)

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Conner Contemporary Art is excited to present recent paintings by New York-based artist Wayne Gonzales. Since 2001, Gonzales has been known for his politically charged paintings based on photographs and documents culled from the archives of American history and popular culture. The artist's subject matter has included such diverse topics as the Hooter's girls, Lee Harvey Oswald, The White House and self-portraiture. This will be Gonzales's first solo exhibition in Washington, DC.

In this exhibition Gonzales revisits his recent inquiries into the politics of real estate, presenting images of exclusive locations such as tropical resorts, exclusive restaurants and luxury condominiums. Based on found images from the internet, the canvases suggest opulence and leisure but the spaces are devoid of human presence. Utilizing a sharp palette of greens and yellows, the artist bathes these landscapes in a toxic light that functions as a critical lens on contemporary representations of wealth, status and desire.

Wayne Gonzales's work may be found in public and private collections internationally, most notably the Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX and the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY. He shows with Paula Cooper Gallery, New York, NY.

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Concurrently, we will present recent publications from Editions Fawbush featuring a new large-scale screenprint by Alexander Ross. Recent editions will also be on view by Richard Tuttle, Tony Matelli, Eve Fowler and Wayne Gonzales. Detailed information on these editions is available @ www.editionsfawbush.com/.

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There will be opening night reception at Conner Contemporary Art on Friday, November 4th from 6-8pm. Conner Contemporary Art is located in Dupont Circle @ 1730 Connecticut Avenue, NW – 2nd Floor, Washington, DC, 20009. For further information and/or visuals, please contact Leigh Conner or Karyn Miller @ 202-588-8750 or info@connercontemporary.com