

Nicole Klagsbrun



BILLY SULLIVAN FRIENDS

Nicole Klagsbrun Gallery is pleased to present *Friends*, a solo exhibition of paintings by Billy Sullivan, running from April 7 - May 6, 2006. A reception for the artist will be held on Friday, April 7, from 6-8 p.m.

Billy Sullivan's most recent group of paintings is a daringly candid project in which his subjects are rendered emotionally - and oftentimes physically - at their most vulnerable. These paintings, detailing how a fumbled gesture or an innocuous glance can convey a certain mood, exhibit powerful emotional intelligence. When viewed as a group, a striking discourse appears: we catch a glimpse of the uncharted hazards that flow through our everyday lives. It is this sense of loaded pause that intrigues us enough to search for that thing which separates, for instance, longing from despair, or hope from bewilderment.

In the same way that emotional complications and contradictions develop and resolve themselves throughout this body of work, so do particular hues of color. A smudge of lavender may take the place of sunlight at a saucer's rim or provide white linen sheets with the sultriness of late afternoon. As this lavender is revisited throughout the show, Sullivan uses it as a way to explore the unconscious rhythm one experiences while looking at something unmasked and beautiful.

This is Billy Sullivan's third solo show with Nicole Klagsbrun Gallery. His paintings and photographs were included in this year's *Whitney Biennial: Day For Night*. His work has been included in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, New York and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

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