

BLAZE: A SUMMER GROUP SHOW

June '08

Opening Reception: Wednesday, July 16, 6-8 pm

PRIVATE PRESS PREVIEW: 5:30-6:00

SEFA is pleased to present "BLAZE: A Summer Group Show," featuring two dozen paintings and photographs by 21 artists. **Opening on July 16 and on view through September 12**, this exhibition demonstrates the pull of summer, the urge to recreate and, in particular, our physical yearning for the sun.

BLAZE features depictions of vacationers languishing in the sun, prancing in the surf or playing hide and seek in a lush cornfield. Highlights include David Marrus' black and white prints of sun worshippers on the pebble beaches of Nice, France, Heather Boose Weiss' self portrait by a waterfall in the tropics of Costa Rica and a painting by Gary Schwartz of a couple reclining on a Coney Island park bench.

BLAZE also explores how artists are impacted by light, sunshine and the notion of summer, as seen in Ellen Hermanos' abstract color field paintings in hot vibrant tones, Victor Honigsfeld's oil paintings of the steamy streets of Long Island City and Mel Smother's overgrown postcard, written to Andy Warhol and inspired by a trip to the legendary Pop artist's Montauk summer home.

ABOUT THE GALLERY:

Susan Eley Fine Art was founded in the spring of 2006 in a Landmarked Upper West Side townhouse. The gallery features emerging and mid-career artists from the US and abroad. The gallery is open by appointment only.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

"Pop Art 2.0": September 18-October 23, 2008

***"Reinterpreting the Boroughs: Paintings of Coney Island & Long Island City":
October 30-December 15, 2008***