

## New Works In the Viewing Room

### Michael Smith

Please join us for the opening of Michael Smith's exhibition,  
**Thursday, October 28th, 2004, 5:00 - 7:00 pm.**

Exhibition continues through to **November 13th, 2004.**

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Portraits 11D and 3C, 2004, oil on board, 23.5 x 18.5 cm.

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Michael Smith *New Works* October 15th – November 13th, 2004.

The TrépanierBaer gallery is pleased to present a selection of new works by Michael Smith. This Viewing Room exhibition features twenty-seven small-scale portraits and three larger format landscape paintings. Informed by the traditions of perception, figuration, and painterly abstraction, Smith's work harbours the striking raw and visceral qualities of the Contemporary British school of figurative painting. Smith's paintings exemplify the importance and extend the practice of figuration and abstraction with a contemporary resonance. Working within this tradition Smith manipulates paint in order to capture a moment of perception in relation to his varied subjects. The serial format of his portrait works, all measuring the same size, affords a striking contrast to the unique presence of personality transfigured by Smith within each portrait.

Michael Smith was born in Derby, England in 1951. He immigrated to Canada in 1978 and completed his MFA at Concordia University in Montréal. Since then he has exhibited consistently throughout Canada and parts of Europe. His work is well represented in both private and public collections including the Musée du Québec, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, the Musée d'art Contemporain and the Museum London.

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