

# Wresting Vision

## Michael Smith

Please join Michael Smith for the opening of his exhibition *Wresting Vision*,  
**Thursday, February 23, 2006, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Exhibition continues through to **March 25th, 2006.**

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Michael Smith: Cradle of Words, 2005, acrylic on canvas, 260 x 381 cm.

## MEDIA RELEASE

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TrépanierBaer gallery is pleased to present *Wresting Vision* an exhibition of new paintings by Michael Smith. The exhibition will feature Smith's latest project, three monumentally scaled (260 x 381 cm) works titled, *Cradle of Words*, *Constellation Breaking* and *The Burial*. These large-scale works are "a kind of performance of the imagination and a site of enacting. A site delighting in the process of eventually materializing thought into paint where the wrought surfaces of colour and texture form physical traces in a *sensorium* of light and space," says Michael Smith. "For me the landscape is essentially fugitive, belonging to no-one. This is why I embrace the ethereality of my subject. But I give it a presence of body drawn from imagination: wresting light from place, making it almost palpable."

As with previous Smith works, the landscape is transformed by the complex interaction of cultural, political, psychological and social events that surround us. His work references the rich tradition of painting from English landscape to contemporary abstraction.

Michael Smith was born in Derby, England in 1951. He immigrated to Canada in 1978 and completed his MFA at Concordia University in 1983. Since then Smith has exhibited consistently throughout Canada and parts of Europe and Asia, including group exhibitions in Kaoshiung (Taiwan), Prague, and Berlin. His work is well represented in both private and public collections, including the Musée du Québec, Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, Musée d'art Contemporain, Montréal and Museum London to name a few.

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