

Press release

Guest House

Seton Smith

From 07 January 2017 to 25 February 2017

Opening date 07 January 2017



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The American artist-photographer Seton Smith has lived between Paris and New York for several decades, and exhibitions in great American and European institutions have consistently honored her work. The Anne-Sarah Bénichou Gallery wishes to signal her return to the city which has nourished that work and where she became known with an exhibition of emblematic works shown in museums. Seton Smith's singular gaze, her distinctive way of seeing the world not subjectively, but through an objective lens, have assured her an unusual place on the contemporary art scene. To this she has added a quite legible signature of images that invite us along to her explorations of an intimate universe, at once close and distant, one of exteriors and interiors where any human presence is phantom, and where architectural elements, doorways and windows, rooms, corridors, and staircases are so many scrambled Hitchcockian shots where our gaze untiringly seeks right to a vanishing point on a vague and infathomable horizon. Smith never brings too sharp a focus; rather, she practices distance without ever evading the eminently subjective nature of her subtle approach and sensitive, poetic, and analytic point of view. For 35 years now the artist has explored the recesses of architectural photography with a style whose constancy and visual discernment take nothing away from a formal enquiry evolving from year to year. The works presented in the gallery have been for the most part previously exhibited in museums, in particular an extensive retrospective of the Smith family at the Kunsthalle Bielefeld in Germany, the Abattoirs Toulouse in France, and Kunstmuseum in Vaduz, Liechtenstein.

To consult the catalogue of the exhibition, please [click here](#)

Exhibition View



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Row House #12, 2011

Row Houses

Chromogenic print on plexiglass

Image: 94,5 x 70,9 inches

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Guest House Right Room, 2003

Guest House

Chromogenic print

Image: 48 x 48 inches

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Guest House View, 2003

Guest House

Chromogenic print

Image: 48 x 48 inches

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Row House #18, 2011

Row Houses

Chromogenic print

Image: 94,5 x 70,9 in

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Row House #11, 2011

Row Houses

Chromogenic print

Image: 94,5 x 70,9 inches

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Row House #13, 2011

Row Houses

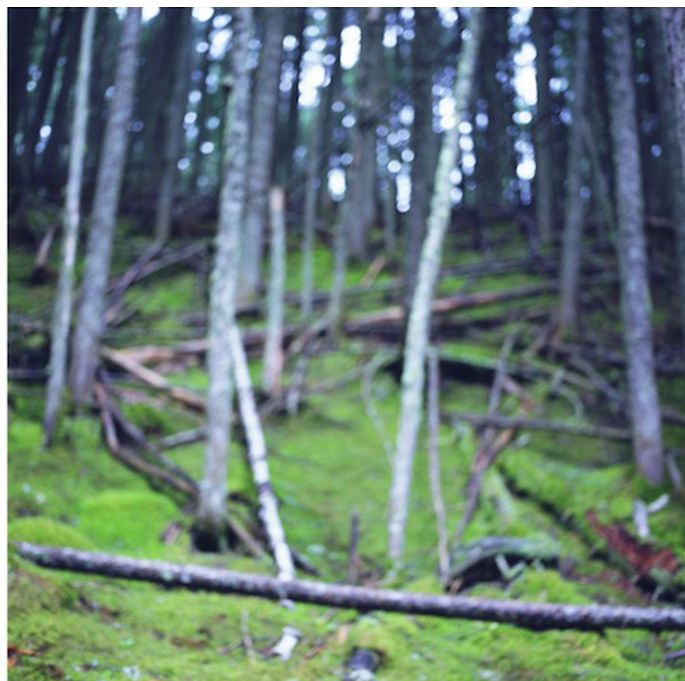
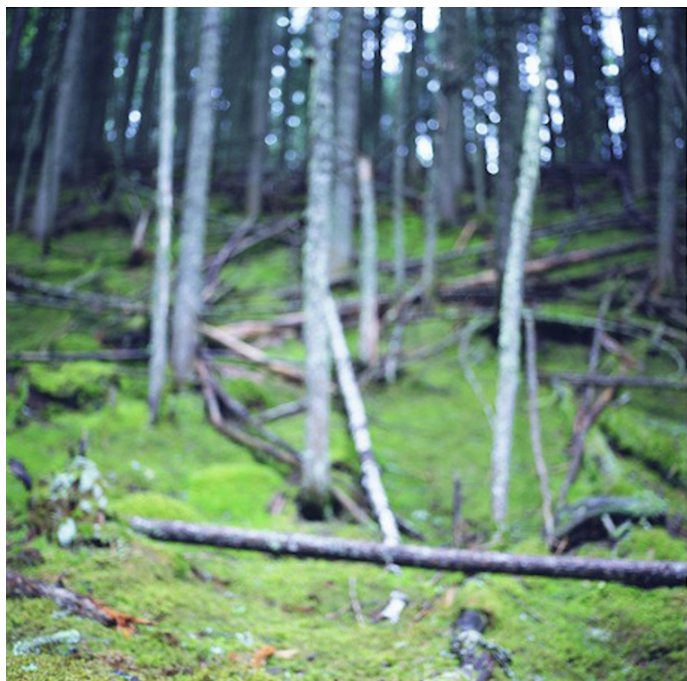
Chromogenic print

Image: 94,5 x 70,9 inches

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Falling Trees #3, 2006

Avalanche Creek

Chromogenic prints and Plexiglas, diptych

Image: 72 x 72 inches each each

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Guest House Left Room, 2003

Guest House

Chromogenic print

Image: 48 x 48 inches

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Sliding Rocks in House, 2003

Guest House

Chromogenic print

Image: 48 x 48 inches

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