



Dear Andy (Montauk) #39  
2008  
Oil on canvas  
24x24"



Dear Andy (Montauk) #48  
2008  
Oil on canvas  
40x40"



Dear Andy (Montauk) #08  
2007  
Oil on canvas  
24x24"

Dear Andy (Montauk) #49  
2008  
Oil on canvas  
40x40"



Dear Andy (Montauk) #54, 2008  
Oil on canvas, 24x24"

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presents

## Mel Smothers

Thursday, June 12, 2008

6-8pm

Exhibition continues through August 16

### Gallery Hours:

Fri-Sat 1-4 and by Appointment

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Located at the Historic Fox Theater  
in Downtown Bakersfield

The exhibition showcases earlier works from Mel Smothers' **Fieldwork Series** of the Delta landscapes in Northern California. The series owes its inspiration to the wildlife refuge near the artist's studio in Davis, CA.

Currently residing in New York, Smothers has produced a new body of work showcasing contemporary paintings in LA.

**Postcards to Andy Warhol** reflects the visual clash between Smothers' West Coast Pop Art education with Wayne Thiebaud and moving to NYC, discovering the differences with Andy Warhol's Pop Art. The work engages constructs of nature and formal painting vs. mass production and commercialism.

Mel Smothers holds an MFA and his work is included in private and corporate collections internationally.

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I Painted Over Andy Warhol (Montauk) #48, 2007 Oil on panel, 12x12"



Dear Andy  
(Montauk) #57  
2008  
Oil on canvas  
24x24"



Dear Andy (Montauk) #42, 2008  
Oil on canvas, 10x10"



Dear Andy  
(Montauk) #41  
2008  
Oil on canvas  
10x10"

I Painted Over Andy Warhol (Montauk) #68  
2007 Oil on canvas, 36x36"





*Crow Stories*  
2001  
Oil on paper  
16x20"



*Hotel Lobby, Yosemite*  
2001  
Oil on paper  
16x20"



*Light on Brown Sugar River 07*  
2006  
Oil on panel  
48x48"

*Light on Brown Sugar River 02*  
2006  
Oil on panel  
24x48"



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*Colorfield 32*  
2003  
Oil on panel  
48x48"



*Fieldwork 55*  
2004  
Oil on panel  
24x24"



*Fieldwork*  
2004  
Oil on canvas  
25x20"



*Fieldwork 26*  
2004  
Oil on canvas  
24x30"



*Fieldwork 57*  
2004  
Oil on panel  
48x48"

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