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OPEN RANGE: The art of Douglas Light, Michele Hofherr, and Scott Courtenay-Smith

From March 6th to April 18th, 2008.

Come for either of two Artists' Receptions:

1. Saturday, March 15th, from 6pm to 9pm and
2. Saturday, April 5th, from 6pm to 9pm

Painters and photographer explore rural, desert and urban spaces in the exhibit "Open Range" at Esteban Sabar Gallery from March 6th to April 5th, 2008. Two artist's receptions take place, the first on Saturday, March 15th, from 6pm to 9pm and the second on Saturday, April 5th, from 6pm to 9pm.

Douglas Light

Douglas Light's new series of non objective paintings introduction of new palette of colors that reflect an experience of southern Californian desert. Using energetic brush strokes of saturated color, Light confidently uses color harmonies that emanate an uplifting mood.

Michele Hofherr

Michele Hofherr's new series of black and white photos depict horses amid grass and rolling hills.

Michele Hofherr's photographic work has frequently featured people and has evolved from natural, black & white portraiture to colorful lifestyle commercial work for clients such as Shutterfly, Children's Hospital, Trumer Pilsner and Lexar (who featured her as one of their 'elite photographers').

Scott Courtenay-Smith

Cityscape painter Scott Courtenay-Smith explores the relationship of humans to the environment they have created, depicting the familiar in a surreal, almost apocalyptic manner.

Bowed light posts skew perspective, blue skies cleave their normally even blue dome, distant tree lines seemingly combust into smoke and streetlights burn in fire rather than glow evenly from their center. At the same time, Courtenay-Smith combines realistic architectural elements with shadowy, displaced figures to suggest alert perceptions that accompany life in city streets.

Public preview begins March 6th, 2008. This show runs through April 18th, 2008.

Estaban Sabar Gallery is located at 480 23rd Street (*at Telegraph Avenue*), Oakland, California, 94612

Gallery hours are Monday, Thursday & Friday: 11am to 6pm; Saturday & Sunday: 12noon to 6pm; Tuesday and Wednesday: Closed.

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