

HAW/CONTEMPORARY - PRESS RELEASE

Bill Jacobson - *Place (Series)* + *Lines In My Eyes*

May 8 - June 20, 2015

Opening Reception - Friday, May 8, 5 - 9 PM

Haw Contemporary is pleased to announce a solo exhibition of two related series by New York-based Bill Jacobson. *Place (Series)* + *Lines In My Eyes* together showcase the celebrated photographer's newest bodies of work, completed between 2009 and 2014. A 92 page monograph, recently published by Radius Books (Santa Fe), will accompany the exhibition and be available for sale at the gallery.



For *Place (Series)*, Jacobson inserts rectangles of various sizes and surfaces within both studio-based and natural settings. The subsequent photographs question the notion of what constitutes an image, as well as what is 'real' and what is 'abstract'. Through their peculiar manner of construction they suggest the creation of place, and the simple act of placing, as manifestations of choice and desire. On the surface they differ from Jacobson's earlier defocused imagery; yet they are connected through underlying concerns with memory, perception and the dialogue between absence and presence. While *Place (Series)* involves interventions by the artist, *Lines In My Eyes* is more about direct observation of the built world. Both touch on something deeply human in their exploration of the impulse to construct space, image and the physical world around us.

A number of the images from these series were made during residencies at MacDowell Colony (2009 and 2010), Civitella Ranieri Foundation (2013), and Bogliasco Foundation (2014).

Spanning a career of over 40 years, Bill Jacobson has published four previous monographs, and exhibited widely throughout the U.S. and Europe. In 2012 Jacobson was awarded a Fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. His work is in numerous museum collections, including The Metropolitan Museum of Art; The Guggenheim Museum; Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; Whitney Museum of American Art; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; The Nelson-Atkins Museum and The Victoria and Albert Museum.

HAW//CONTEMPORARY - PRESS RELEASE

Gallery Hours: 9-5 Tuesday through Friday, 12-5 Saturday

Press Contact

Emily Eddins

816.842.5877

emily@hawcontemporary.com