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### **RICHARD HINES DEBUTS NEW WORK AT PATRICK MIKHAIL GALLERY JUNE 2 TO 29, 2006**

**OTTAWA, JUNE 1, 2006...**PATRICK MIKHAIL GALLERY is pleased to present **PICTURES FROM (INSIDE)**, an exhibition of innovative new work by Halifax photo-based artist RICHARD HINES, from June 2 to 29, 2006. The artist reception takes place Sunday, June 4, 2006, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

We all have voyeuristic inclinations. Who isn't curious about the silent scenes unfolding as we walk by the lit window of a stranger's house? Who does not attempt to construct an elaborate story about their lives?

Richard Hines' current photographic work is based on a constructed documentation of his family. This body of work, titled PICTURES FROM (INSIDE), started almost four years ago and has evolved as relationships within the artist's family have evolved. Although the work began as a study of situations, it has become more an interpretation of emotional connection and disconnection. It has, in essence, gone from documenting the visual to understanding that things are often not what they seem.

The artist's work is an investigation of the ambiguity of meaning and interpretation that occurs in photography. The resulting images ask the viewer to create their own narrative, their own meanings, their own truths and fictions, through the process of interpretation. In the end, the photographs speak to our voyeuristic impulses, our desire to understand things we can't, and our longing to see the remnants of our lives.

Richard Hines recently received his MFA from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax. Earlier this spring, his work was exhibited at the Chicago International Art Fair, and was featured in the exhibition SUPERNOVAS at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Mr. Hines has been critically acclaimed as a "rising star", "a star of tomorrow", and "one of Canada's top new photo-based artists" in articles published in the *Globe and Mail*, *Winnipeg Free Press*, *Applied Arts Magazine*, and *Halifax Herald*.

His work can be found in numerous private, corporate, and government collections, and will next appear in an exhibition at Gallery 44 in Toronto in March 2007.

Mr. Hines' photo-based work and paintings are available exclusively through Patrick Mikhail Gallery.

To view preview images from the exhibition, please visit the gallery website.

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