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Visual Art is alive and well at

LA PETITE MORT GALLERY



The By-Ward Market area has for years been the seat of gay-friendly galleries, be it Galerie Jean-Claude Bergeron or Saint-Laurent-Hill. More recently, Guy Bérubé has opened, a block away from Saint-Laurent-Hill on Cumberland St., La Petite Mort Gallery that has soon become a very active actor on Ottawa's visual art scene hosting regular events including What the fuck! Event during Capital Pride

In May, La Petite Mort Gallery features a stunning variety of 'vernacular photographs', these increasingly popular photos, ranging from the obvious to the inexplicable. There are formal portraits and vacation photos, home-baked glamour and nude shots, but the most compelling are those images that are unlike anything we have ever seen, that allow us to speculate endlessly on their provenance. These are conversation pieces of the highest order.

A highlight of this show is a slightly damaged and over-exposed black and white snapshot of about a dozen men standing at the edge of a freshly dug grave. An ornately carved wooden coffin is being lowered into the ground. What is already a very weird and compelling photograph is raised to another level by this fact: someone has carefully drawn tiny crosses in ink over the heads of four of the men. It is unavoidable — you have to wonder why. Is it because these men have died since? Are they murderers? Are they marked for revenge? So the journey begins.

Don't miss this strange and wonderful exhibit. Curated by Monika Salva, Missy Marston-Shmelzer and Guy Bérubé. Vernissage takes place on May 4 and the exhibition ends on May 30.

Ottawa Festival of Photography 2007

Festival X wishes to be a leading proponent of photography in Ottawa. Through the ongoing development of the festival and its programming, they increase exposure and recognition for local, Canadian and international artists. Festival X is committed to advancing knowledge, creativity and innovation in photography in Ottawa.

On May 28, La Petite Mort will host a teaser event and launch of Festival X Website. The Festival will take place from September 20 to 30.

One Night Stands

Every Friday night, La Petite Mort hosts a 'One night Stand' event featuring the work of a different artist every, from 7-10pm. With tunes by local DJs, food and bar, it is a weekly event not to be missed.

On June 8, One Night Stand features Scott Everingham. Everingham's work combines the physical mass of the human body with the traditions of landscape and portraiture, creating seething and sensual situations that are far less objective than they are human. "I want my work to be derived from within the mind rather than as a form that

evokes repetition and tradition in figure painting", says the artist.

On July 13, following on last fall successful evening of the Male Image, One Night Stand, will feature Peter Sramek. A new portfolio of panoramas of historic sites will present ongoing photography in Europe: Italy, France, Germany and the Czech Republic. Male nudes and street photography will address issues of masculinity for those not into architecture, history and landscape. It will be an unpredictable, affordable and eclectic view of this photographer's wide-ranging interests.

Stay tuned for the What the fuck! Event during Pride.

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