Press Release

Steven Shearer Swinging Lumpen

July 8 to August 5, 2000 Opening Friday July 7 at 8pm

The Or Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of new paintings by Vancouver artist Steven Shearer.

In Shearer's words: "The Swinging Lumpen photolaminate paintings incorporate images from a found collection of over 100 original photos taken by a teenage girl in the early seventies. Snapshots of pets, boyfriends, parties and home interiors sharply document the existence of proletarian, adolescent suburbia. I have rephotographed the snapshots, enlarged them to life scale, and then excised the central subjects. These have then been mounted onto canvas substrates painted in "process" monochrome hues. The cutout images of forgotten friends and discarded personal possessions reach toward the "vulgar" flatness" of teen fanzines."

Gallery hours are 12 to 5 Tuesday through Saturday

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