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Art Exhibit

Erik Laffer:
The Cartography Series

When: July 1 – July 14, 2011
Gallery hours: Daily
Reception: Friday, July 1, 2011 7:00 – 9:00 pm

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Hutson Gallery is pleased to announce the first summer exhibition in our fourth season featuring a duo show with recent paintings by self-taught artists Erik Laffer and Brian Shafford.

Twenty-nine-year-old Erik Laffer continues to amaze viewer with the colors and designs in oil on canvas. Erik Laffer, the seventh of eight children, was born in Smithtown, New York, in 1982. At the age of three, his family moved to a small town in upstate New York, where he lived until he was 14. The family moved again, to Delmar, a suburb of Albany, New York, and Erik has been moving ever since.

"Given my nomadic background, it's almost natural that I've come to express myself—rather look to shape my identity and better understand myself—in maps. While my early landscapes and figurative works were influenced by the rural environment I grew up in, as well as the feelings of isolation I felt as a child with a learning disability, the representational abstracts that make up my current Cartography Series are not so much a study of emotion, as my earliest works were, but more of a logical and experimental exploration of where I've been, where I am now, and where I hope to be tomorrow."

"My goal with the Cartography paintings is to, as J.B. Harley writes, "redescribe the world," or at least the small world of Erik Laffer. And just as there is a language of map making, there is style and body of symbols in my paintings that define the landscape of each work and identify my struggle to understand self, family, home, and culture: boats, clocks, buildings, bridges, anatomy, arrows, and, among many others, lines, color, and texture."

Continuing 2011 Summer Schedule:

- July 15 – July 28: Steve Barylick
reception July 15 from 7 – 9 pm
- July 29 – August 11: Gay Malin and Ellen Rolli
reception July 29 from 7 – 9 pm
- August 12 – August 25: Kristen Gossler and Luanne E Witkowski
reception August 12 from 7 – 9 pm
- August 26 – September 8: Harry Folsom and Joe Trepiccione
reception on August 26 from 7 – 9 pm
- September 9 – October 9: Group Show
reception on September 9 from 7 – 9 pm