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## Jordan Rathus: Fernweh (Farsickness)

Visual Arts




RICHARD SPEER

Friday May 23

Upfor Gallery  
929 NW Flanders St.

A woman lies on her stomach naked, legs raised provocatively behind her on a fur-blanketed bed. She's in some kind of thatched-roofed resort, presumably in an exotic locale. It's an exaggeration of the sort of place people dream of traveling to so they can dine in the hotel restaurant before having their "local folklore experience." This knowingly cheesy photograph by Jordan Rathus is part of a suite of photos and video installations poking fun at tourism and the travel industry. Witty and nuanced, the show both entertains and implicates the viewer. We snicker at these overblown tableaux, but gosh, wouldn't it be great to stay a week at a Four Seasons spa in Bali? It's all too easy to poke fun at "the ugly American," all too difficult to realize when we need to point the finger at ourselves. *May 1-31.*

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