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Kevin Todora Opens Exhibition of New Photographic Work Saturday February 21st at Erin Cluley Gallery

[Dallas, Texas – January 20, 2015] **ERIN CLULEY GALLERY** will open an exhibition of new photographic work by Dallas-based artist **KEVIN TODORA** on Saturday February 21st, 2015 at 414 Fabrication Street. The exhibition will open with a reception for the artist from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Kevin Todora's photographic works continue to interrogate the medium with unconventional treatment of process and presentation. In keeping with his belief that the photograph goes beyond a matted and framed object, Todora creates his compositions within territories usually reserved for painting and sculpture. Activating the image with illusions of depth and the intersection of battling subject matter, Todora compels viewers to confront the staged reality of conventional studio photography.

Todora prints his works on materials often used in commercial applications, moving away from and manipulating traditional forms of display. This evolution of form serves to strip the preciousness from the photograph, exposing the artist's persistent questions about the value of the image in media-saturated contemporary life.

For his exhibition *New Photographic Work*, Todora will show a series of new work printed on MDO – a dense, coated wood panel. *New Photographic Work* is his first solo exhibition at Erin Cluley Gallery.

About Kevin Todora

Born 1977, Beaumont, Texas. Lives and works in Dallas, Texas.

Kevin Todora earned his MFA in 2009 from Southern Methodist University and his BFA in 2009 from the University of Texas at Dallas. In 2013, Todora was the subject of a solo exhibition at Dallas Contemporary. His work has been included in recent group exhibitions at Barry Whistler Gallery, University of Texas at Dallas and Fort Worth Contemporary Arts.

About Erin Cluley Gallery

Erin Cluley Gallery is a contemporary art gallery representing emerging and mid-career artists from Dallas and the United States. The gallery will present a provocative program of artists working in both traditional and alternative forms including painting, sculpture, new media, photography, sculptural installation and public intervention.

The 2000 square foot space is joining a creative movement in the Trinity Groves development at the foot of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge in West Dallas.

In conjunction with mounting exhibitions inside the gallery space, Erin Cluley Gallery will maintain a focus on presenting public projects conceptualized by its artists. Negotiating projects on the artists' behalf, the gallery will make this an ongoing component of the exhibition program and an impactful contribution to public art intervention in Dallas.

Erin Cluley Gallery opened with its inaugural exhibition by Baltimore-based artist René Treviño which runs through October 11. Upcoming exhibitions and projects for the 2015 season will include Cassandra Emswiler (Dallas TX), Kevin Todora (Dallas TX), Josephine Durkin (Greenville TX), Chivas Clem (Paris, TX), Francisco Moreno (Dallas TX), Hidenori Ishii (Brooklyn NY).

Erin Cluley served as the Director of Exhibitions at Dallas Contemporary from 2009 - 2014 where she worked on the production of exhibitions by Zoe Crosher, Gabriel Dawe, K8 Hardy, Georg Herold, Aaron Parazette, Richard Phillips, John Pomara, Rob Pruitt, Jennifer Rubell, Julian Schnabel, Juergen Teller, Walter Van Beirendonck, Inez & Vinoodh, Erwin Wurm and others. Erin Cluley also worked with artists and their crews producing murals in Dallas by Shepard Fairey, Soner, JMR, Sourgrapes, Faile, Michael Sieben and JR.

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