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Erin Cluley Gallery Opens *KEVIN TODORA: gaslight* on Saturday September 10th

[Dallas, Texas – August 5, 2016] **ERIN CLULEY GALLERY** will open an exhibition of new photographic work by Dallas-based artist **KEVIN TODORA** on Saturday September 10th, 2016 at 414 Fabrication Street. The exhibition will open with a reception for the artist from 6:00-8:00 pm. Todora will be showing work concurrently at Art Palace gallery in Houston, Texas.

In his second solo exhibition with Erin Cluley Gallery, Kevin Todora continues to challenge the traditions of photographic process and presentation. Breaking away from the use of the rectangular format, the majority of works in *gaslight* take on unconventional shapes; reinforcing Todora's belief that the photograph goes beyond a matted and framed object.

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.

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. Mark-making, painting, and juxtaposed textures are more prominent as ever in this new body of work.

The title *gaslight* refers to the slang term “gaslighting” – the act of manipulating someone into doubting their sanity or sense of reality. The term references the 1940s film *Gaslight* starring Ingrid Bergman where gaslights are dimmed making her character think she is crazy. The “gaslight” reference is fitting to Todora's work as he is interested in toying with the viewer's perception of what is reality and what is not.

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 presents 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 joined a creative movement in the West Dallas/ Trinity Groves development at the foot of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge in West Dallas and has been in operation since 2014.

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