

## Paradise Row

### Press Release

### Kiss Me Deadly

## A Group Show of Contemporary Neo-Noir from Los Angeles

24/01/2013 – 09/03/2013

Private View: 23 Jan 2013, 7 – 9pm



Jonah Freeman & Justin Lowe, *Cabaret Straylight #2*, 2012, Custom pigment print, 12 x 18 inches

Jeneleen Floyd, Jonah Freeman & Justin Lowe, Francesca Gabbiani, Sayre Gomez, Mark Hagen, Glenn Kaino, Aaron Sandnes, Allison Schulnik, Simmons & Burke, Bobbi Woods, Rosha Yaghmai.

A group show curated by Price Latimer Agah

"Why torment yourself? Who would you see? Someone you do not know, a stranger. What is it we are seeking? How civilized this earth used to be. But as the world becomes more primitive, its treasures become more fabulous. Perhaps sentiment will succeed where greed failed. You will die... But your friend, you can save her. Yes you can. The young lady you picked up on the highway. She wrote you a letter. In it were two words, 'Remember Me.' She asks you to remember. What is it you must remember?"

(From *Kiss Me Deadly*, 1955. Screenplay by A.I. Bezzerides based on the novel by Mickey Spillane.)

Paradise Row presents *Kiss Me Deadly*, a group show of new art from Los Angeles framed by the sensibilities and concerns of film noir culture that flourished in L.A. in the 1940's and 50's.

Paintings, sculptures and film are presented in an immersive exhibition design piecing together representations of Los Angeles and its cinematic history. The selected artworks become protagonists symbolically occupying archetypal narrative roles: a femme fatale, a fall guy, a hardboiled detective, a hapless grifter, the lone wolf or simply a victim of circumstance.

Together the works and the show embody the tenets and visual styles of film noir, first defined in 1955 by French critics Raymond Borde and Etienne Chaumeton as "oneiric, strange, erotic, ambivalent and cruel."

The show is accompanied by an original text by Alissa Bennett, which can be downloaded from our website.

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