



Balconies and Slide, 2008, oil on canvas, 36x48 inches

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

MELISSA KUNTZ lives and works in Pittsburgh, PA. She holds an MFA in Painting and an MA in Art History from SUNY Purchase in Westchester County, NY, and a BFA from Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

Recent solo exhibitions include: Sykes Gallery, Millersville University of Pennsylvania (2008); The Framery Pittsburgh, PA (2008); Saville Gallery, Cumberland, MD (2007). Selected group exhibitions include: "250 years, 250 Artists" at Fe Gallery and "You are Here" at Space Gallery in Pittsburgh, PA (2008); "Mid-Atlantic New Paintings," Fredericksburg, VA (2008); "Art of the State of Pennsylvania," Harrisburg, PA (2007); "The Associated Artists of Pittsburgh Annual Exhibition" held at the Carnegie Museum of Art in 2007.

Kuntz's work has been reviewed in The Pittsburgh City Paper, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, The Cumberland Times-News and the Halifax Herald.

Before moving to Pennsylvania, Kuntz resided in Brooklyn, NY and worked for Art in America magazine. Since 2002, Kuntz has written art reviews for Art in America magazine and The Pittsburgh City Paper. She is currently Associate Professor of Painting at Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

PASSING THROUGH

My paintings are inspired by hundreds of photographs that I have taken over the past six years of Coney Island, Las Vegas, the southern New Jersey shore, Mexico and amusement parks in western Pennsylvania. These locations are interesting to me because of their color and light, but I am also drawn to the transitory quality of these places. There is something romantic and eerie about places that seem somehow to have stopped in time. Visitors come and go without leaving their mark, and the places remain strangely unaffected by time. I want my paintings to have a sense of nostalgia and to seem like memories of places: timeless, idealistic ones.

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Pink Sign, 2008, oil on canvas, 28x22 inches



Pink House, 2008, oil on canvas, 36x48 inches



Casino, 2008, oil on canvas, 36x48 inches