

EDWARD THORP GALLERY
Press Release

KATHERINE BRADFORD: Recent Paintings
"By Land and Sea"
April 27th through June 2nd, 2007

The Edward Thorp Gallery will exhibit recent work by Katherine Bradford. This exhibition will consist of approximately twenty small to large scale paintings, oil on canvas.

Katherine Bradford paints images of figures transformed, boats, ocean liners, planes and horses. These means of transport are vehicles by which she expresses the wish for entrancement and the need to be transformed in ways that are poetic and humorous. They also express her need to retrieve something that has been lost.

As a resident of New York and Maine, the artist mediates the urbane materialism of abstract expressionism with the directness and poetics of folk- art inflected realism. In this way Bradford paints employing bold, gestural brushstrokes, casual offhanded details and eccentric compositions. Her approach opposes the heroic with the intimate often within the same painting.

These radiant, richly colored paintings depict grand ocean liners, civil war era battleships, and elaborately dressed women. Groups of repeated images of swimmers and boats become allegories of isolation and community. Hulls of ships stabilize the formless infinity of the ocean as minute figures and boats congregate around their wakes. Darkly ominous floating barges carrying more mysterious robed figures seem to enact moonlit midnight rituals. Everything glows with an unworldly ambience. Color emanates from mysterious dark spaces, and racy intermixed hues evoke salty air, sea breezes, light on sky and water.

Katherine Bradford has exhibited extensively over the last twenty years. This will be her first exhibit with the Edward Thorp Gallery. She has works in various public collections including The Brooklyn Museum of Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Gallery hours are from 11am to 6pm, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information please call (212) 691-6565 or email: edwardthorpgallery@gmail.com.