

## News Release

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### *The Family Stage: photography exhibition opens Myhren Gallery's 2009-2010 exhibition schedule*

THE FAMILY STAGE: Photographs by Janet Delaney, Todd Hido, and Cecil McDonald Jr.

“The Family Stage” is an exhibition of photographs depicting family life from multiple perspectives. The show immerses the viewer in the complexities of family dynamics, the simplicity of humdrum objects, and the sometimes turbulent, often sublime rhythms of home.

Janet Delaney’s “Housebound” captures what she terms “simple scenarios of home and family” that are icons for the complexities of growing up and growing old. Delaney lives in Berkeley, CA, where she teaches photography at the University of California.

Todd Hido’s “Ohio” presents a compelling, often unsettling, Instamatic narrative that hovers between fact and fiction. Hido now lives in Oakland, CA; his work is shown courtesy of the Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco.

“Domestic Observations and Occurrences” by Cecil McDonald Jr. eschews the singular object or person for performative retellings of family life, from the mundane to the dramatic. McDonald is represented by the Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago.

A survey of family “snapshot” albums will show how the presentation and preservation of family photographs has evolved, from early 20<sup>th</sup> century bound volumes to today’s digital frame.

THE FAMILY STAGE is organized by Rupert Jenkins, Roddy MacInnes, and Charlie Roderick.

NOTE: For most of the 2009-2010 exhibition calendar, the Victoria H. Myhren Gallery will be split into two adjoining exhibition spaces, identified as the North and South Galleries. Shows will be staggered with separate opening receptions for each space.

What: *THE FAMILY STAGE*: Photographs by Janet Delaney, Todd Hido, and Cecil McDonald Jr.  
When: Thursday, September 24 – Sunday, November 15, 2009  
Opening reception Thursday, September 24, 5–8 p.m.  
Where: Victoria H. Myhren Gallery, University of Denver, School of Art & Art History, 2121 E. Asbury Ave., Denver, CO  
Cost: Always free.  
Hours: 12–4 p.m. daily. Closed university holidays and between exhibitions.

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