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

Exhibit features photographs by Janet Delaney, Todd Hido and Cecil McDonald Jr.

DENVER - *The Family Stage* approaches domestic life from a multitude of photographic and human perspectives. The show immerses the viewer in the complexities of family dynamics, the simplicities 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 reenactments of family life. McDonald seeks to examine his daily life by recreating situations that are autobiographical yet universal. He lives in Chicago and is represented by the Catherine Edelman Gallery.

A survey of family "snapshot" albums will show how the presentation and preservation of family photographs has evolved, from early 20th 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, Sept. 24 – Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009
Opening reception Thursday, Sept. 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.