



EXHIBITION PRESS RELEASE
NIGHT WALKING:
New Work by Martin Webb

August 16 through September 30 2015.

(Berkeley, CA — July 26, 2015) The Addison Street Windows Gallery presents, **NIGHT WALKING: New Work by Martin Webb**, an art exhibition organized by curator, Demetri Broxton. Martin Webb is a Bay Area based artist who is originally from Great Britain.

Artist's Statement: "Since I am often a figurative painter, this group of work might be defined by its conspicuous absence of people. Last year, I'd started taking photographs late at night in my neighborhood and became intrigued by the way that familiar scenes are transformed by darkness and stark artificial light. I noticed how the urban landscape makes sense when human activity is present, but takes on other qualities when the people are absent. This led to some initial paintings experimenting with these images, but they lacked a solid direction until a recent trip through the Eastern Sierras where I went out of my way to seek out the old abandoned gold-mining towns and settlers' cabins. Again, the absence of people struck me. The cabins remain as a record of people having been there and passed onward. The natural landscape has shown the people their folly, thrown them out, and is now reclaiming the flimsy buildings back into its self. I'm always fascinated by people's relationship with the land and time, and in particular the way that things we regard as solid and permanent are actually temporary, in flux, and part of a continuum much larger than ourselves."

Addison Street Windows Gallery

Background:

The Civic Arts Program, housed in the Office of Economic Development, promotes visual arts in the Berkeley community by exhibiting works of various artists. The Addison Street Windows Gallery (a.k.a. the Peter Babcock Memorial Windows) is a visual art exhibition space on the ground floor of the City-owned parking garage. Located in the Downtown Arts District, the Addison Street Window Gallery is a highly visual symbol of the Civic Arts Program.

Address:

The Addison Street Windows Gallery is located at 2018 Addison Street • Berkeley, CA 94704.

Hours:

Open 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Web Site:

http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/City_Manager/Civic_Arts/Civic_Arts_Homepage.aspx

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