

A.B. Miner

*Chimera*

July 5– August 4

Opening reception on Friday, July 6 from 6:00–9:00pm

H&F Fine Arts is pleased to announce a solo exhibition by Washington, DC-based artist A.B. Miner. Featuring work created over the past seven years, *Chimera* runs from July 5 to August 4. An opening reception will be held Friday, July 6 from 6:00–9:00pm.

Borrowing its name from the combined lion/goat/serpent monster of Greek mythology, *Chimera* invites close study of the hybrid state, exploring the complexities of gender fluidity and the ambiguities of identity. The sublime and the grotesque commingle in Miner's honest, revealing portraits; the resulting tension infuses his work with an energetic dissonance. Miner is obsessed with twinning—an examination of the artist as a subject divided by the pressures of an externally focused need for binary definitions. He is equally interested in documenting the shades of transformation—from one state, form, or definition, to another.

Working in oil impasto, the artist captures the monumental on a tiny scale (the majority of Miner's painting are smaller than one foot square). His diminutive portraits invite intimate examination. The claustrophobia of the compositions is amplified by the resulting compression of space between viewer and canvas, creating an unwelcome proximity that transfers the artist's discomfort to the viewer. Miner's heavily impastoed surfaces are meant to contribute to this visceral revulsion; the work invites close scrutiny only to repel it.

Miner received an MFA from Queens College, CUNY in 2000. He has been a recipient of the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Young Artist Program Grant and 2005 Artist's Fellowship. Major exhibitions include "Intimate," a solo exhibition at the Nevin Kelly Gallery in 2003 and "Me, You and Those Other Folks" at Flashpoint in 2006. Miner is Assistant to the Chief Curator at the Hirshhorn Museum.

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