



## *5 Photographers*

### **Ro2 Art Second Annual Photography Show**

Tim Best | Chris Bramel | Piotr Chizinski | Tuba Koymen | Alisa Levy

**WHERE:** Ro2 Art DOWNTOWN

110 N. Akard St., Dallas, TX 75201

**WHEN:** June 24 – July 15, 2011

Opening Reception: Friday, June 24 from 7 to 10pm

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Dallas, TX (June 9, 2011) — Ro2 Art is proud to present *5 Photographers: Ro2 Art Second Annual Photography Show* – work by Tim Best, Chris Bramel, Piotr Chizinski, Tuba Koymen, and introducing Alisa Levy. The opening reception will take place Friday, June 24 from 7 to 10pm, and will run through July 15, 2011. The exhibition will take place at Ro2 Art's Downtown space, located at 110 N. Akard Street, between Main and Elm, on the ground floor of the historic Kirby Building.

#### **ABOUT THE ARTISTS**

**Tim Best**, a graduate of the Studio Arts Program of the University of Illinois at Chicago, will present work from his ongoing series *Making a Scene*, in which the artist directs actors and models through a sequence of emotions. The resulting photographs are surreal, subconscious reconstructions and rearrangements of reality that draw from the artist's experiences, past and present. In addition to a selection of photographs from the series, the artist will premiere a video presentation of *Making a Scene* in the exhibition. Tim Best, a recent member of the Dallas collective 500X, has also shown in galleries and institutions across the United States, and has lectured at Rhodes College in Memphis as well as the Contemporary Arts Center in New Orleans.

At 22, **Chris Bramel** has already exhibited in New York and had a solo show in Houston. He currently resides in Fort Worth, Texas, where he attends Texas Christian University, working toward a BFA with concentration on photography. His current interest in photography lies in panoramic landscapes and cityscapes, becoming fixated on showing a whole scene, taking a cinematic approach to photographing a site. For the Ro2 Art exhibition, Chris Bramel will present his new series, *While You Were Sleeping*, a dramatic exploration of night-time photography.

**Piotr Chizinski**, an MFA candidate at Cornell University, in Ithaca, NY and graduate of Texas Tech University with degrees in sculpture and photography, has received

international attention for his series *The Living Room Scale Project*, having exhibited the collection of photographs at the Dallas Contemporary, FOTOFEST LA, and the Guangzhou Biennial of Photography in China. *The Living Room Scale Project* is meant to create a dialogue about consumerism and classism in America – exploring the Living Room as portrait of one's perceived social standing. Using methodologies derived from 1930s social studies, combined with the artist's own interpretations, Chizinski invites participation from the audience with his complex, yet whimsical photographic works.

**Tuba Koymen** received her BFA in Graphic Design from Bilkent University in Turkey, going on to earn her MFA in Photography from the Maryland Institute College of Art in 1999. The artist considers herself to be an experimental photographer, whose work revolves around geographical, cultural, and emotional issues, with the objective of bringing attention to human nature by setting up an imaginary window. As an artist, Koymen connects with her audience through the use of old-world photography techniques including pinhole photography. She has had major solo exhibitions at Duke University, Light Factory in North Carolina, Austin College, Fort Worth Community Art Center, and Museum Center in Baku, Azerbaijan.

**Alisa Levy** was born and raised, until the age of 12, in the USSR, before moving to Israel, where she finished school and served in the army. After immigrating to the United States in 2003, Levy has focused on raising her family and living life with camera in hand. For her first gallery show, Alisa Levy presents brilliant photography, making use of reflections and changing light around her. About her uncanny ability to capture previously unseen imagery caught in a pane of glass, Levy says, "you don't need eyes to see."

### **About Ro2 Art**

Mother-and-son partners Susan Roth Romans and Jordan Roth operate Ro2 Art, a full-service gallery and consultancy with spaces in the Uptown and Downtown areas of Dallas, working with a diverse group of contemporary artists, most with ties to the North Texas Region. At present, Ro2 focuses on the exhibition and sale of work in all visual media, through a fine art gallery space in the West Village of Uptown Dallas, and a progressive, intimate gallery in the historic Kirby Building in Downtown Dallas.

All works will be on view June 24 through July 15, 2011. Please join us for the opening reception Friday, June 24 from 7 to 10pm at Ro2 Art Downtown, located at 110 N. Akard Street, between Main and Elm. For more information, visit [www.Ro2art.com](http://www.Ro2art.com) or call Jordan Roth at (214) 803-9575.

# IMAGES



*Tim Best - Euphoria*



*Chris Bramel - La Mer*



*Piotr Chizinski - Home of Gallery Director*



*Tuba Koymen - Untitled*



*Alisa Levy - Born to Win*

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