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## **ANDY COLLINS**

On 6 January 2007 the Mary Boone Gallery will open at its Chelsea location an exhibition of new paintings by Andy Collins.

Andy Collins paints fluent abstractions based on line and form extracted from real images. By obscuring our recognition of the subject, Collins creates a different visual understanding of something familiar.

These compositions take on formal qualities, becoming a fusion of shapes that suggest the contours and negative spaces of the human body. The surface of each painting fluctuates from hard and glossy to soft and matte, reinforcing the impression that the mutable space Collins envisions is comprised of many distinct layers. By working with a defined range of pale colors, Collins transforms paint into evocations of flesh, cream, smoke, sea, and sky. The images become ethereal meditations on reality, with just enough suggestion of their origin to avoid appearing arbitrary.

The exhibition, at 541 West 24 Street, will run through 10 February 2007.

Please contact the Gallery if we can be of further assistance, or visit our website at www.maryboonegallery.com.