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**February 12- March 26 2010**

The Richard Levy Gallery is pleased to announce *The Painting Show*, a group exhibition with work by ten contemporary painters. Painting is one of the oldest forms of artistic expression and continues to evolve every year. This show includes paintings by Alan Bray, anonymous artist, late 20<sup>th</sup> c., Jacob Goble, Teo González, Julian Kreimer, Jenna Kuiper, Matthew McConville, Melanie Parke, William Steiger, and James Westwater. *The Painting Show* exemplifies the vitality and versatility of painting today.

This survey of modern painting includes abstract, figurative, and minimalist work. With loose painterly brushstrokes, Julian Kreimer and Jacob Goble, depict everyday subjects such as bee boxes (Goble) and construction sites (Kreimer). Working in a similar style, Kuiper pays homage the time-honored subject of still-life painting. The anonymous artist, late 20<sup>th</sup> c. paints objects from the modern world in tromp l'oeil style. Matthew McConville's paintings are capricious with ample bodied nudes frolicking in traditionally painted idyllic landscapes. Alan Bray approaches landscape with an emphasis on patterns within nature. William Steiger's cut paper paintings of airplanes and river bends are cleanly rendered and have a sense of nostalgia for a simpler time. A shared sense of nostalgia is apparent in James Westwater's paintings. His appropriated imagery mixed with ornate frames feels reminiscent of the past but with a contemporary twist. Teo González paints acrylic emulsion in tiny drops that fill monochrome canvases and nod to minimalism. The antithesis of Gonzalez' work is Melanie Parke's, large, vibrant, abstract expressionist painting.

This exhibition explores the long tradition of painting and where it is headed within this new decade. For additional information or images, please contact the gallery at (505) 766.9888. Some images from this exhibition are available on our website: [www.levygallery.com](http://www.levygallery.com)

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**Dates:** February 12- March 26, 2010

**Gallery Hours:** Tues. - Sat., 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** 514 Central Avenue SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

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