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KATHERINE BRADFORD: *ETHER NIGHTS*

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Reception: Friday, January 14, 2005
7 – 9 P.M.

New Paintings by:

KATHERINE BRADFORD

sarah bowen gallery is delighted to present new works by painter Katherine Bradford. Katherine Bradford's solo show is a poetic statement on examining utopian fantasies and contemporizing myth.

"Once I began to think of my paintings as open fields or as vast amphitheatres then small dramas began to take place. The space in the paintings became metaphoric and the mood became that of a private reverie. The small dramas are set in motion by weather elements like cloud bursts or by giving light a leading role. I identify with the people in my paintings – they are gropers, navigating slowly while looking for something."

- Katherine Bradford

Katherine Bradford's distinctively painted canvases juxtapose the natural world with elements of modernity. In the painting *Projectors* a bank of brightly colored slide machines beam their lights out onto Marsden Hartley clouds. The projectors resemble advancing tanks shooting off benign puffs of light into a darkened sky. In a smaller painting searchlights vie with the moon for the opportunity to light up the night sky. And in *Ether Nights* the sidewalks of what could be nocturnal Williamsburg mysteriously emit ether like vapors in day glo colors against a Paul Klee grid of colored squares.

"Katherine Bradford's paintings are beautifully made, sincerely felt and distinguished by a special talent for schematizing nature into small, ruggedly made abstractions that are at once poetic and humorous."

- Roberta Smith
New York Times Art Review

Bradford's layering of quotidian concerns over classical themes creates rich palimpsests at once immediate and broad reaching in their implications. Her forms are rendered simply and economically but the effect is not minimal, indeed, the reverse is true for the impact of each painting is highly expressive.

Bradford's work has recently been seen at ATM Gallery in Manhattan, and this winter her work will be in group shows at the Portland Museum of Art in Maine, Canada in Manhattan and the American Academy of Arts and Letters in Manhattan. Bradford lives, works and teaches in New York.

sarah bowen gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday, 12 – 6 pm and by appointment. The gallery is located at 210 North Sixth Street, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY, 11211. Directions: L Train to Bedford Avenue stop, take Driggs exit, walk one block south to Sixth Street, and then ½ block East. The gallery is located between Driggs and Roebling on the right hand side.