

TABLA RASA GALLERY  
presents

# Michael McWillie

December 6, 2006 - February 17, 2007

**Artists Reception: Wednesday, December 6, 2006  
5:30 - 8:00 PM**

Gallery hours:  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
Noon - 5:00 pm

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## BOMBS, BABES AND SCOTTISH TERRIERS AT TABLA RASA GALLERY

BROOKLYN, NY– Recent prints, works on paper and paintings from Texas artist and independent filmmaker Michael McWillie will be on view at Tabla Rasa Gallery from December 6 through February 17.

Scenes from his just completed independent film BIT PARTS will also be screened featuring the signature Scottish Terrier from his paintings and prints.

McWillie has just completed a five-year museum tour (including The Museum of the Southwest , The Walton Arts Center and The Nave Museum) and is in numerous private collections. He is also internationally known for his surrealistic painting of the Scottish Terrier Barney, aka The First Dog that currently hangs in The White House.

He is the founder of the Canine Surrealist movement and his work has been compared by audiences and critics to Philip Guston, Andy Warhol and Rene Magritte. His Scot facing a menacing and perplexing world has been compared to Chaplin’s beloved tramp.

According to William Zimmer of *The New York Times*, “The Scottie has a different personality, plucky and determined. One feels it matches McWillie's own and that his paintings will keep expanding in both insight and visual pleasure”.

His latest work is a pop/surreal meeting of his previous surrealistic paintings and the female icons of his over-the-top work as a film director.

Michael McWillie was born in Texas. He received a BFA in Studio Art from the University of Texas and did one year of post-graduate work in filmmaking at UCLA. He currently paints out of his barn on his horse ranch in Texas.

Michael McWillie is also one of the official artists of The American Humane Association and his Limited Edition Print EVERY DOG HAS A DREAM benefiting American Humane will be available for sale at the gallery.

There will be a reception for the artist on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30pm until 8pm.

The gallery is located at 224 48th street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues in SPArC (Sunset Park Artists' Community). The "R" train stops at 45th Street. Street parking is available.

Tabla Rasa Gallery is free and open to the public Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, through February 17, 2007, from noon until 5 pm.

For information and media materials please contact Audrey Anastasi at 718.833.9100 or visit <http://www.TablaRasaGallery.com>