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MARK STEINMETZ
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The Yancey Richardson Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of photographs by Mark Steinmetz. Entitled *South*, the exhibition is comprised of photographs taken over the past decade of introspective youth, lonely roadside loiterers, and nighttime suburbia in the environs of Athens, Georgia and Knoxville, Tennessee.

Whether offering a challenging gaze to Steinmetz's camera or lost in unselfconscious musings, Steinmetz's portraits of youth are psychologically charged, capturing the "otherness" that often defines teenagers. The "lost" men who Steinmetz has photographed along the roadside often engage the viewer directly, leaning down to peer into the photographer's car window or squinting at the camera, suggesting the unfolding of a vaguely sinister narrative. Although he does not necessarily know his subjects, he sometimes asks them to repeat gestures he had observed them making. Steinmetz's nighttime views of the suburban south, the setting for his alienated youth and disenfranchised men, are edgy, lonely and somewhat forlorn.

A graduate of Yale University's noted MFA photography program, Steinmetz spent a year photographing with Garry Winogrand in Los Angeles. He has been living in Athens, Georgia since 1991. Steinmetz's work has been acquired by major museums throughout the United States including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Art Institute of Chicago. Steinmetz's photographs have been featured in *Aperture*, *Blind Spot*, *Doubletake*, and *2wice*. Among other awards he is the recipient of a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship.

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