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Allan Harding MacKay

Allan Harding MacKay has been producing work based on photographic sources since 1985. The works appear in various forms including drawings, prints, collage, photography, and video. The recent Somalia Series participates in a layered photographic and reprographic process. From the artist's original slides a laser hard copy is generated which is then photocopied to alter scale, composition, and contrast. These photoinformed images are hand rubbed with chalk pastels (predominantly yellow) and finally sealed in a painterly fashion with a transparent glaze of melted wax and damar varnish. The images remain unmistakably photographic in origin although characterized by subtleties of hand colouring and brushed textural surfaces which more often than not quote traditions of painting.