

MARTOS GALLERY

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Opening: "Hard Love" at Martos Gallery

Organized by Barry Blinderman, an art professor and director of University Galleries at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill., "Hard Love" presents the works of 13 contemporary artists who explore romantic subject matter. John Ahearn's 1980 plaster-cast sculpture *Luis and Virginia Arroyo* captures a Bronx couple in an affectionate embrace. Deborah Kass' colorful 2008 canvas layers the devotional lyric "Daddy, I would love to dance" from the musical *A Chorus Line* over her appropriation of a Frank Stella concentric square painting. Meanwhile, critic and artist Walter Robinson paints a scenario straight out of a pulp fiction novel or TV soap opera with his new painting *Randall and The River of Time* and Aura Rosenberg takes us to the river's edge with her floor installation *Dialectical Porn Rocks*, a collection of creek rocks covered with erotic images from old porn magazines.

Martos Gallery, 540 West 29 Street, 6-8 p.m.



Walter Robinson, *Randall and the River of Time*, (2015). (Courtesy the artist)