

# STEVEN ZEVITAS GALLERY

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### ALEX LUKAS: *RECENT WORKS*

**Boston** – Steven Zevitas Gallery is pleased to present *Recent Works*, an exhibition of new works on paper by Boston native and Philadelphia-based artist, **Alex Lukas**. The exhibition will be on view from Thursday, April 19 through Saturday, June 2, 2012, with an opening reception Friday, May 4.

**On View:** April 19 - June 2, 2012

**Opening Reception:** Friday, May 4, 2012

*Recent Works* consists of five new large-scale paintings on paper (the largest measures at twelve feet in length) and a group of work utilizing appropriated book pages. This body of work continues the Lukas' exploration of our current cultural condition through the lens of the landscape. Executed primarily in ink, acrylic, watercolor and gouache, the artist also uses the process of silk-screening for certain elements of each work.

Thomas Cole's well-known painting "River in the Catskills," which depicts a pastoral landscape with a small train slicing through the scene in the middle ground, is a harbinger of things to come in the story of man's attempt to gain control of nature. In many ways, Lukas' landscapes, which combine sites real and imagined - with a healthy nod towards Hollywood and art history - tell the end of the story, as man-made structures yield back to nature. The works pivot on series of dichotomies: violence and quietude; the manmade and the natural; hope and a profound sense of despair. They also grapple with ideas about national morality and societal fragility.

Lukas attended the Rhode Island School of Design, where he received a BFA in 2003. Since graduating, his work has been featured in numerous exhibitions internationally. Recent solo exhibitions include shows at Telefon Til Chefen (TTC) Gallery in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Guerrero Gallery in San Francisco. His work is included in both public and private collections, including the The Spencer Museum of Art, the West Collection and The Progressive Collection. This is his first one-man exhibition at Steven Zevitas Gallery.

The artist will be in attendance for an opening reception on Friday, May 4th from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. For additional information, please contact Steven Zevitas at 617.778.5265 (ext. 22). *Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11AM – 5 PM.*