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A Field Guide to the North American Family: The Exhibition

Curated by Humble Arts Foundation in collaboration with Mark Batty Publisher

On view: December 6 - 21, 2007

Opening reception: Thursday, December 6, 7 pm – 12 am

A Field Guide...

Gallery Bar
120 Orchard Street
New York, New York
gallerybarnyc.com

Gallery hours: Monday – Friday, 1 – 6 pm

Humble Arts Foundation and Mark Batty Publisher announce "A Field Guide to the North American Family: The Exhibition." An opening reception will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at Gallery Bar on Manhattan's Lower East Side, and the show will run through Friday, December 21, 2007; this pin-up series features the work of the artists included in **Garth Risk Hallberg's** A Field Guide to the North American Family.

In sixty-three entries and an accompanying website (afieldguide.com), Hallberg's novella offers a collaborative portrait of two fictional specimens and the environments they inhabit. Both established and up-and-coming photographers contributed to this edition's lavish illustrations via the website, an ongoing, networked internet community. Part fiction, part reference work, part photo-essay, the book and exhibition invite viewers to consider the contemporary state of the American family.

Keeping with the collaborative, multi-media nature of the book, Mark Batty Publisher is proud to partner with Humble Arts Foundation, a not-for-profit that seeks to advance the careers of emerging fine art photographers by providing grants and exhibition opportunities. Together, with the help of all the participating photographers, the Field Guide Exhibition showcases some of the freshest and most focused photographers working today, including **Amy Elkins, Jonathan Gitelson, Jason Lazarus, Matt Nighswander, Tema Stauffer, Alana Celii, Alexis Pike, Ben Huff, Brandon Sorg, Brian Sorg, Catherine Gass, Chris Eichler, Christopher Salyers, Christy Karpinski, Colleen Plumb, Consider Vosu, Elizabeth Fleming, Grant Willing, Hans Gindlesberger, Jason Curtis, Jason Falchok, Jennifer Greenburg, Jessica Bruah, JJ Sulin, John Putnam, Kara Canal, Kevin Sisemore, Liz Kuball, Matthew Schenning, Maury Gortemiller, Michael Kwiecinski, Nicholas Meyer, Rebecca Blume Rothman, Sandy Carson, Shane Lavalette, Shawn Records, Stacy Arezou Mehrfar and Timothy Briner.**

Join the author, publisher and photographers for this opening-night reception from 7pm until 12am, with free wine bar from 7 – 8pm and all-night drink specials.

Garth Risk Hallberg's writing is featured in the anthology *Best New American Voices 2008* (Harcourt/Harvest Books). His short stories have appeared in venues such as *Glimmer Train*, *Canteen*, *Evergreen Review*, *pindeldyboz*, *h2so4*, and *Em*. Garth also writes about books for the website *The Millions*. He lives in Brooklyn and teaches writing at Hofstra University.

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