



## ***Garry Neill Kennedy: Photoworks, 1969 – 2011***



*Spotted* (detail), 2009

**MONCTON, December 22 2011** – From January 18 to April 1 2012, the Louise and Reuben-Cohen Art Gallery presents *Garry Neill Kennedy: Photoworks 1969 – 2011*. This exhibition proposes a body of work produced over forty years that focuses on the use of the photographic image in the conceptual practice of the artist. Garry Neill Kennedy will give an artist talk at noon on Wednesday, January 18. The opening will be held that same afternoon, starting at 5 PM. The artist talk and opening are free and all are welcome.

A major contributor to conceptual art, Garry Neill Kennedy's artistic career spans over forty years and his work is recognized across Canada and abroad. As head of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design for more than 23 years, he revolutionized the way art was taught there while positioning Atlantic Canada at the heart of the conceptual art movement. This first exhibition focusing on photography also aims to foster a better understanding of the work of the artist as a whole and of his contribution to the evolution of contemporary art in Canada and in the Atlantic region.

From *Garry Neill Kennedy (Bisected)* made in 1969 to *Spotted*, in 2009, images from photographic sources have been an integral part of Garry Neill Kennedy's production. This body of work is brought together in an exhibition that underscores the specifics of this practice. A bilingual publication will accompany the exhibition and present an interpretation of this corpus by Stephen Horne. During the first two weeks of the exhibition, Kennedy will also be artist-in-residence at the Imago Artist-run Print Studio. During his residency, he will give a workshop on the artist book for students specializing in printmaking at Université de Moncton and Mount Alison University.

The exhibition *Garry Neill Kennedy: Photoworks 1969 – 2011* is supported by the Canada Council for the Arts. The artist's residency that accompanies the exhibition is funded by the New Brunswick Arts Board. **The Louise and Reuben-Cohen Art Gallery is located at 405 Université Avenue, in the Clément Cormier building on the Université de Moncton campus. Gallery hours are 1 PM to 4:30 PM, Tuesday to Friday, and 1 PM to 4 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.** For more information on the Louise and Reuben-Cohen Art Gallery and its activities, please visit the web site: [www.umoncton.ca/umcm-ga](http://www.umoncton.ca/umcm-ga) or find us on Facebook. The gallery can be reached by phone: (506) 858-4088 or by email: [galrc@umoncton.ca](mailto:galrc@umoncton.ca).