



Lorraine Sims, *Lacey in a Panda Suit*

One of the oldest commercial galleries in town, **Galerie St. Laurent and Hill** is now located in new digs near the Byward Market. Painters (and partners) **Lorraine Sims** and **Michael Smith** are currently on view. Sims' recent images on canvas and paper take on the subject of the mask as both a covering and opening to who is beneath, as in *Lacey in a Panda Suit*, where the boy is only partially revealed. Smith's bravura application of baroque-hued paint is thick enough to border on the kitsch and I think that's the point. His in-your-face showmanship has heavily built surfaces coalescing into a not so readily accessible landscape.