

For Immediate Release:

I Was in the House When the House Burned Down

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Franz West

January 10 through February 28, 2004

Fredericks Freiser Gallery is pleased to announce **I Was in the House When the House Burned Down**, a group exhibition featuring a diverse group of artists who share a material use of color and a deeply personal, often epic terrain that defies pedestrian notions of **violence and ugliness**.

In the made-up spaces of these paintings and large scale collage, there is a **seething quality that seems to originate from childhood fantasies of power, sexuality, and freedom**. **I Was in the House When the House Burned Down** finds this tumultuousness in the glaring yet awkwardly sensitive use of color. Veiled narratives and distorted bodies are presented in the down-and-dirty ebullience of **Franz West** and **Thomas Trosch**, the storybook glow of **Malcolm Morley** and **Karen Kilimnik**, and the antagonistic friction of **Ashley Bickerton** and **Steve DiBenedetto**.

Fredericks Freiser Gallery is located at 504 West 22nd Street, between 10th and 11th Avenues. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11am to 6pm. For further information and/or photographs please contact the gallery by telephone at (212) 633-6555, fax at (212) 367-9502, or email fredericksfreiser@nyc.rr.com. Find more information on any of our artists at www.fredericksfreisergallery.com.