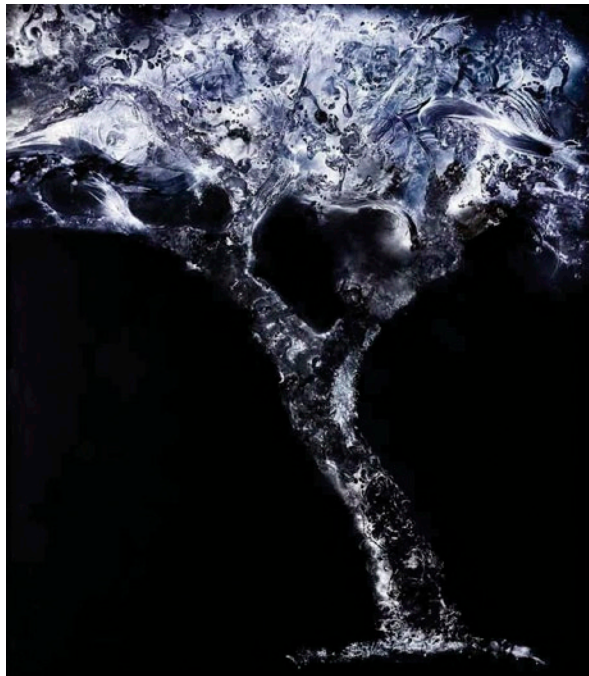


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KELLY BARRIE: TRACE ELEMENTS  
OPENS MARCH 27, 2010 AT HEATHER JAMES FINE ART



**March 9, 2010 - Palm Desert, CA - Heather James Fine Art is pleased to present Kelly Barrie: Trace Elements. The opening reception takes place on March 27, 6 - 8 pm. Please RSVP [emily@heatherjames.com](mailto:emily@heatherjames.com).**

Kelly Barrie creates photographs that explore the imaginary site where past and present converge. Using found photographs, the artist reconstructs the image through a performative floor drawing using photo-luminescent pigment (glo-powder) and his feet, walking out the image on the floor via a series of actions such as toe drags, heel spins, snake walks and foot sweeps. The artist constructs a scaffolding system around the drawing and documents his traces by photographing the area in small sections over the course of several months. The studio acts as a darkroom as Barrie manipulates a row of vertical blinds that act as an aperture, controlling the amount of light entering the space, and lastly, reconstructing and manipulating the visual content by digital means to obtain the final photographic piece. The artist states "the work is also affected by other phenomena such as insects and pets leaving their tiny footprints in the night. These unseen collaborators lend credence to the 'accident', not only as content, but also as procedure that implies the artist does not have to be present for the work to continue."

Kelly Barrie was born in London, England and lives and works in Los Angeles. He earned his MFA from the California Institute for the Arts in 1997. Recent exhibitions include *Informal Histories*, Angstrom Gallery, Los Angeles; *Between the Blinds*, UAG/Room Gallery, University of Irvine, CA; *Signs of the Apocalypse / Rapture*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago; *Broken Thorn Sweet Blackberry*, Sikkema Jenkins & Co, New York; *2008 California Biennial*, Orange County Museum of Art, CA; among others.

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