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Larry Mullins  
*New Baggage*  
October 30 through December 21, 2010

Artist Reception  
Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 6 to 9pm



Larry Mullins *She's OK*, 2009  
oil, oil stick, alkyd resin & spray paint on paper mounted on panel 44 x 36 inches

Blythe Projects is pleased to present *New Baggage*; an exhibition of paintings by Los Angeles based artist, Larry Mullins. *New Baggage* celebrates Mullins's return from a 6-year journey into the depths of his human-ness and art practice. This exhibition reflects a deeper, more ambitious personalized painted 'architecture' for Mullins.

Working under the influence of his southern upbringing, a passion for letterform and the raw, poignant lyrics of John Lennon, Lou Reed and John Lee Hooker, Mullins's work is painted with all the care and devotion a Baptist preacher might lavish on a Sunday sermon. Layer upon layer, words pop and fade. Colors brighten and dim to create a commingling of sweet high notes and low throaty growls. These paintings pulse and hum with the artist's faith in his countless small decisions...tiny paintings within the painting.

Of the work, curator, Christopher French, writes, "What makes this work singular is the boldness with which it fuses image and text into an emblematic abstraction. Like the intertwined words and images of medieval manuscripts, Mullins' painted pages are made radiant by the terms of their belief."

Larry Mullins was born in Charlottesville, Virginia in 1957. He studied at the University of Maryland under Anne Truitt, receiving his MFA in 1996. His work resides in public and private collections across the United States.

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Larry Mullins *She's OK*, 2009 (detail)