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### FOUNDERS GALLERY EXHIBIT OPENS SEPT. 24: UNIQUE VIDEO-GENERATED POLAROID IMAGES

David Levinthal's "Modern Romance" photography show opens Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Founders Art Gallery at the University of San Diego.

The show, which runs to Nov. 1, marks Levinthal's West Coast debut, according to Therese Whitcomb, gallery director and a USD art professor.

The New York artist's work are Polaroid pictures of miniature urban scenes that Levinthal built himself. After constructing the miniature, he projects a video image of it on a screen, then photographs that image with a Polaroid SX-70.

The surreal images depict urban scenes of New York. "His work is concerned with loneliness and communication," Whitcomb said.

Barton Thurber, chairman of the USD English department, said Levinthal's photographs "are about love. Apart from their size, which provides us with new perspective, many of the images are even familiar. A woman standing on a corner, under a street lamp, a theater marquee. . ."

The gallery is open weekdays from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

A reception will be held for Levinthal from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 24 in the gallery.

At 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, Levinthal is scheduled to lecture on his work in Salomon Lecture Hall, located inside DeSales Hall.

Levinthal is a graduate of Yale, M.I.T., the Rochester Institute and Stanford. His work has been the subject of many exhibitions in the East, including a collaborative work with cartoonist Garry Trudeau.

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