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Joseph Coniff deals with the big issues Friday at Hinterland

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Joseph Coniff, "Birdcage"

The Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design is fast building a reputation as a quality artist-making machine, and Joseph Coniff, a young RMCAD graduate, is living proof. Westword critic Michael Paglia called his 2011 exhibition at Rule Gallery "a spectacular debut for a young artist" and the show also received our 2012 Best of Denver honor for Best Show by an Emerging Artist. So there's reason to hope that the follow-up, *At the Alter*, which opens Friday at Hinterland, will be just as fabulous.

Coniff's deceptively simple imagery, conveyed through photography and assemblages of familiar items, will turn your head around, make you think and perhaps even make you laugh, too; find out for yourself at tomorrow's opening reception, which runs from 6 to 11 p.m.

At the Alter continues through a November 2 First Friday closing reception; other viewing times are by appointment. For details, visit Hinterland online or call 720-309-1764