

Art

Karen Lebergott and Edra Soto

When	Nov 7 - Dec 13 Fridays/Saturdays, 11-5
Where	Rowland Contemporary (1118 W Fulton Market, 312.421.6275)
Price	FREE
Details	http://rowlandcontemporary.com



For Karen Lebergott, mapping is a conceptual departure point that sets off multiple trajectories. Her oil paintings suggest Chinese landscapes or city plans stacked up on monochromatic backgrounds, while mixed-media works erupt in vivid swells of painted, cut-up paper that evoke the chaotic growth of cities like Shanghai. It isn't immediately evident that she's exploring notions of identity and memory, but these themes rise to the surface in Edra Soto's paintings in the neighboring gallery. Shaking up Latina archetypes in pop culture, Soto depicts Puerto Rican bombshell Iris Chacón on her '70s TV variety show while campily transmuting her male dancers into gorillas or other hairy beasts.



– *Karsten Lund*



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