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DAVID LEVINTHAL  
THE WILD WEST  
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Conner Contemporary Art is pleased to announce the exhibition of David Levinthal's renowned photographic series: The Wild West. Inspired by the romance and grandeur of 1950's Western television and film, these extraordinary photographs encapsulate the American pioneer spirit of the Old West. In Wild West, Levinthal fabricates colorful epic scenes with vintage toy cowboys to portray the rugged individualism of the Western hero.

"Having worked with toys and other objects of popular culture as the subject matter for my artwork for over 25 years, I have always found these objects not to be benign toys merely for play, but rather an active and profound means for the socialization of society," comments Levinthal.

The Wild West photographs exemplify Levinthal's innovative work, which is featured in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art, NY, and the National Museum of American Art, Washington, DC, The Whitney Museum of American Art, NY, The Brooklyn Museum, NY The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY, Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris, France, Eurostar, Graz, Austria, The Eileen and Peter Norton Collection, Santa Monica, CA, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles CA – to name a few.

Previously unseen selections from the original Polaroid SX-70 series shot in 1986 will be exhibited as well as newly created large-scale Polaroid ektacolor ER images. Recently editioned cibachrome images will also be on view.