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Nicholas Grider: Rope Tricks, A Solo Show

November 29th- December 7th, 2008

Reception: Saturday, November 29th, 8 – 11 PM

Nicholas Grider's *Rope Tricks* consists of the photo documentation of a performance piece done in the artist's studio in October 2006. For the performance, Grider decided to revisit Houdini's rope escapes, and enlisted three artists friends to attempt to tie him up using 100 feet of cotton rope. The subsequent 45-minute struggle and eventual failure of Grider's assistants to tie him up are partly documented by the photo here.

The photos themselves are their own piece, however, and are one outcome of Grider's exploration of masculinity and queer identity in photography and film. Part of a larger project, the nine small and closely-cropped images are an attempt to marry a time in history when the heroic male body was at its most performative--Houdini's escapes--with the snapshot aesthetic of recent queer photography.

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