

## Facebook's Precursor, \$15 Million Southampton Mansion: Hot Art

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"\$2,300,000", by Patricia Cronin, is on view at Stephan Stoyanov Gallery.

### Sotheby's Mansions

A highlight of the exhibition "Places" is tucked away in the basement of Stephan Stoyanov Gallery. The two halves of Diana Shpungin's 26-minute video were filmed at exactly the same moment on opposite sides of the globe. The artist traveled to China to shoot sunrise over the South China Sea. Her husband captured dusk over the Atlantic Ocean in Miami Beach, Florida. Played side-by-side on two screens, the footage is a romantic communication between two lovers.

Construction and destruction co-exist in Cliff Evans's digital video, "Camping at Home." He mixes images of diggers and pipelines that mutilate the Earth with pictures of new Tyvek-wrapped houses rising from the wreckage.

Patricia Cronin's tiny, ironic canvases depict luxurious listings by Sotheby's International Realty, their asking prices doubling as the titles: "\$15,000,000 (Southampton)" and "\$2,300,000 (Emerald Isle on Money Key)."

Prices range from \$2,000 to \$20,000. The show runs through Aug. 12 at 29 Orchard St.; +1-212-343-4240; <http://www.stephanstoyanovgallery.com>.

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