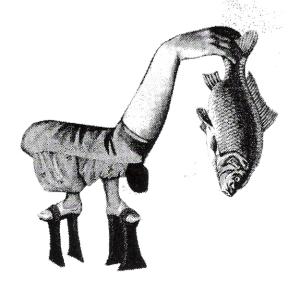


Collage Series: Matthew Rose offers the best work in this show of four collage artists. Using lithography, Rose combines images cut from ads from the Twenties and Thirties and transforms them into personae who would feel right at home in the creepy parlors of Max Ernst, particularly the Victorian Lady with the campfire for a head. In Christian Duran's work, silhouettes traipse through a forest of arteries, rendered on newspaper classified ads. Graphically pleasing in their grim way and much less intensely colored than his paintings, their supports come off as wordy distractions. Square-ish arrangements of paint and ephemera by Mathilde Denis and Christina Stahr look merely decorative. - Franklin Einspruch Through February 26. Art Vitam, 3452 N. Miami Ave., Miami; 305-571-8342, www.artvitam.com.



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