AROUND THE GALLERIES

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Capturing the wonder of a place

Miranda Lichtenstein photographs spaces with an eye to capturing what cannot be seen — those shades of impression, like apprehension, delight, awe, comfort and fear, that evade the senses yet color our experience. Her subject in a new body of work at Mary Goldman Gallery — a shrine garden atop a mountain in northern Thailand — is more geographically specific than much of her past work. It draws her toward more traditional landscape photography.

By focusing less on the land itself, however, than on the pale green mist that envelopes it, Lichtenstein cultivates a stirring, almost tactile sense of wonder. Of the seven photographs on display, four depict the garden from a distance, presenting the strange intermingling of form and mist with an artistic reverence. Three draw viewers into the embrace of the trees. All are gentle but exquisite images.

Mary Goldman Gallery, 932 Chung King Road, Chinatown, (213) 617-8217, through Nov. 22. Closed Sundays through Tuesdays.