

# LOWELL RYAN PROJECTS



## From Car Crash to Laughing With Pleasure



Installation Shot: Xavier Schipani. *They Laughed With Pleasure*. Lowell Ryan Projects.

Photo by Edward Goldman.

The exhibition of the large-scale murals by Austin based artist [Xavier Schipani \(b. 1984\)](#) [at Lowell Ryan Projects](#) will challenge you in a very special way. There is multiplicity of the silhouettes of the naked bodies: white, browns and blacks. Erotic sensuality emanates from all the scenes, which explains the title of this exhibition, *They Laughed With Pleasure*. The gallery press release informs us that Schipani is inspired by the diaries of gay trans male writer, Lou Sullivan. The artist explains “there is an innocence that is often lost for trans people, as a lot of our lives are spent hiding or correcting ourselves to fit in.” The gallery opening was well attended by a particularly diverse and smart crowd of admirers. Talk about adventure...