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Grannan's big color photographs of men and women in woodsy settings are exciting, unsettling, and hard to shake. Her subjects are strangers, many of whom elected to take off some or all of their clothes. With one exception, they are alone before Grannan's camera, and they regard it and us with a kind of anxious complicity, part challenge, part surrender. As performances, these are quiet and contained but surprisingly unreserved. One wonders exactly what Grannan did to elicit them, but whatever it was, her results are consistently extraordinary. Through Feb. 4. (Greenberg Van Doren, 730 Fifth Ave. 212-445-0444.)