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TRIA GIOVAN: Like Mitch Epstein's recent work from Vietnam, Giovan's seductive color photos of contemporary Cuba teeter between travel-mag pictorialism and gorgeous social documentation, tipping now one way, now another. If her pictures seem devoid of politics, either propaganda or criticism, they're suffused with a melancholy sense of collapsed hopes and animated by tropical greens, sky blues, dusty pinks, and sunlight so palpable it warms the gallery. Amid the empty interiors and cityscapes, the busily peopled rooms stand out: a beauty shop, a cigar factory, and, especially, a seaside dance hall where teenagers twirl in bathing suits. Through July 2, Condeso/Lawler Gallery, 524 Broadway, at Spring Street, 219-1283. (Aletti)