

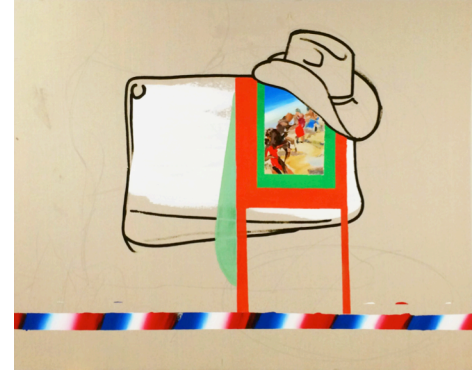
TRIPOLI GALLERY

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Press Release

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Jonathan Beer, *Rode Hard and Put Up Wet*, 2015
oil and acrylic on canvas drop cloth, 48 x 60 inches

Jonathan Beer | Memory Palace

April 13 – May 25, 2015

Opening reception: Saturday, May 2nd, 6 – 8 pm

Southampton, NY – Tripoli Gallery is pleased to present Jonathan Beer's first solo exhibition at Tripoli Gallery Southampton. *Jonathan Beer | Memory Palace* will be an immersive environment in which the artist's vision is presented through installation, sculpture and painting. From April 13th through May 1st, the artist will be on site, transforming the gallery. An opening reception on Saturday, May 2nd, from 6 to 8 pm, will mark the conclusion of Beer's residency and the start of the completed exhibition. The exhibition will be on view at 30a Jobs Lane, Southampton, NY through May 25th, 2015.

Memory Palace simultaneously implies the artist in situ and his realms of memory—as it inhabits different rooms within the psyche. This exhibition will serve as a culmination of Beer's experiences thus far, a totality of the inspirations that he carries; allowing motifs to take form within a created atmosphere.

Time of day underpins much of Jonathan Beer's artwork—serving both formal and symbolic intentions. Sunset becomes a metaphor for the American Dream—a romanticized, idealized state of wholesome perfection. Its darker counterpoint is dusk—whereby the myth is dimmed and the obscurity of night sets in. Beer paints the gallery walls into actualized sunset and dusk backdrops; beneath them his memory palace is vastly manifested. Elements within Beer's work, drawn from sources as diverse as painted billboard signs, roadside altars in India, memories of his Romanian father's chainsaw-carved Brancusi replica, and the news, overlap and interrelate under the broader themes of false fantasy and truth revealed.

Jonathan Beer was born in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1988 and received his BFA from School of Visual Arts in 2010 and his MFA from the New York Academy of Art in 2012. He was awarded a 3rd Year Post Graduate Fellowship at the New York Academy of Art for 2013. Beer has had solo shows at MDC Museum of Art + Design in Miami, FL; Kathleen Cullen Fine Art, NY; Georgia Tech's Ferst Center for the Arts, Atlanta, GA, among others. His work has been exhibited internationally at Galerie Delta in Rotterdam, Netherlands and at the Siauliai Art Gallery in Lithuania. Beer has been featured in *ArtNews*, *Artslant*, *NY Art Beat*, *New American Paintings*, *Studio Visit Magazine*, *Art Takes Miami*, and *Professional Artist Magazine*. In 2011 he co-founded *Art-Rated*, a blog dedicated to articles and interviews on the contemporary art scene. He has also published by *Huffington Post*, *Brooklyn Rail*, *ArtWrit*, and *Art Observed*. Beer currently lives and works in Newburgh, NY.

Previous exhibitions at Tripoli Gallery include *Poetics of Space: Jonathan Beer and Michael Chiarello* (2014) and *9th Annual Thanksgiving Collective: The Worlds We Create* (2013-2014).

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