

JACK FISCHER GALLERY

DAN LYDERSEN

plebeian rhapsody

Opening reception: Saturday, August 5, 4 - 6 p.m.
311 Potrero Ave. San Francisco, CA
On view August 5 - September 30, 2017



Doldrums, 2017, 36" x 24", oil on panel.

We are pleased to present, *plebeian rhapsody* the fourth solo exhibition by Dan Lydersen at Jack Fischer Gallery. The opening reception is August 5th, from 4 to 6 p.m. at our 311 Potrero gallery. The exhibit will run through September 30th, 2017.

Lydersen's paintings have continued to develop a specific American magical surrealism of his own invention, offering a window into his darkly comedic

worldview. The familiarity of everyday life pervades his imagery while an unfolding of reality reveals the uncanny. Lydersen combines a variety of calculated references to art history and contemporary culture with free association and improvisation, resulting in an array of improbable scenes that are at once coherent and confounding. The characters inhabiting Lydersen's canvases appear to be the cumulative nightmares of a suburban dystopia. There is rarely a portrayal of an adult figure, and when they do appear, they are isolated, hidden, or barely seen. The focus on children makes the disturbing events that much more distressing. We face the question of how and why these innocent youngsters found themselves in these circumstances. Is this an inheritance or are they the architects? In his paintings, the artist examines the nature of sin and human folly in a playful manner, where a somber pathos lies just beneath the surface of absurdist humor.

Dan Lydersen's work has been exhibited in galleries and museums throughout the US and abroad. He holds a BA in Fine Art from UC Santa Cruz and an MFA degree from the San Francisco Art Institute. He currently resides in Sacramento, California.



Trinity, 2017, 8" x 6", oil on oval panel.

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