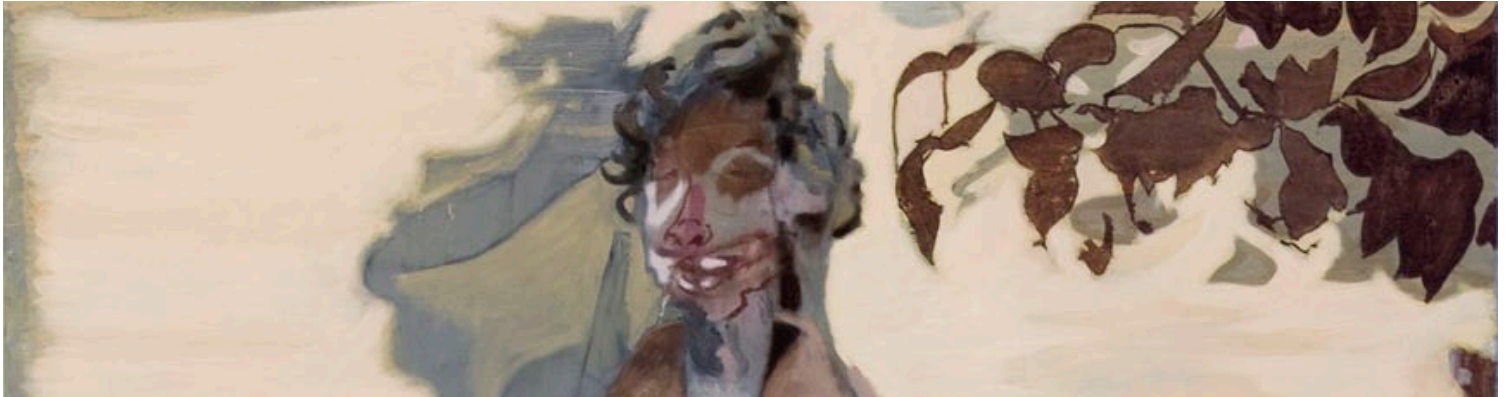


KRISJANIS KAKTINS-GORSLINE
OPENS NOVEMBER 28, 2009 AT HEATHER JAMES FINE ART



November 16, 2009 - Palm Desert, CA - Heather James Fine Art is pleased to present new paintings by Krisjanis Kaktins-Gorsline. The opening reception takes place on November 28, 6 - 8 pm. The artist will give an exhibition walkthrough from 6 - 6:30 pm. RSVP emily@heatherjames.com.

Krisjanis Kaktins-Gorsline's work consists of a series of figurative oil paintings that take the format of classical portraiture as their point of departure. The paintings focus on the depiction of male figures and oscillate between modes of representation and abstraction. They are produced using a method close to that of collage, whereby disparate image fragments are brought together within the field of painting. These images are harvested from a variety of sources including mass media, historical painting, and private photos. The image fragments are subjected to an array of painterly processes, which are similarly borrowed from a diverse spectrum of formal languages. By bringing found images into the material field of painting, Kaktins-Gorsline debases the images and re-presents them as malleable and incomplete. The artist states, "in foregrounding process and deep play, my intent is to open up both the traditional depictions of subjectivity and painterly production into a new space of possibility."

Kaktins-Gorsline lives and works in Winnipeg, Canada. He received his MFA from Columbia University in 2008. Recent exhibitions include a solo show at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, Brandon, Manitoba and inclusion in group shows at Deitch Studios, Long Island City, New York and Galerie Simon Blais, Montreal.

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