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PAINTING FROM ANOTHER PLANET

New Painting from Los Angeles

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Curated by David Pagel

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Painting From Another Planet brings together the work of 10 Los Angeles-based painters who are putting the art back into artifice. Shamelessly fake, their canvasses and panels favor kinky, synthetic palettes that go hand-in-hand with an unshakable belief in the unpredictable power of visual stimulation. Rejecting the idea that Painting is a self-expressive endeavor, these highly socialized arrangements of shape, color, and texture instead insist that Painting is a public event, a social exchange at once primal and sophisticated -- and always predicated on viewer participation.

Variouly indebted to Edward Ruscha's mind-bending conflation of reality and its representation, and to Lari Pittman's head-spinning orchestrations of cosmopolitan consciousness, these consummately crafted images also take cartoons very seriously. Neither high-brow nor low-brow, they take viewers on trips that literally go nowhere, but leave us in significantly different positions -- visited, as it were, by alien sensibilities.

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