

GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

WES HEMPEL

PRIVATE ISLAND

MAY 28 - JUNE 22, 2019

George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce Wes Hempel and his new series of paintings,



Drop in Visitor, oil on canvas, 32x24"

Private Island, at the New York location. This exhibition will run from **May 28 - June 22, 2019**. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on **Thursday, May 30th** from 6 - 8 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 - 6pm.

During working trips to Oahu over the past dozen or so years, especially during model shoots with my partner and fellow artist, Jack Balas, I find myself entering what feels like a private space. It's as if we've been transported offshore, the group of us, to a secret, uninhabited island. The outside world is suspended, and we're temporarily marooned in the pristine setting, without phone or Internet service, released from the demands

of time, schedules, and even to a degree language. Another reality emerges from beyond the conceptual, a wordless realm that feels completely innocent. It is this reality I have attempted to capture in paint.

The George Billis Gallery marks its 23rd year in the Chelsea Art District and its sister gallery is located in the burgeoning gallery district of Culver City in Los Angeles. For more information, please contact the gallery via e-mail at [gALLERY@georgebillis.com](mailto:gALLERY@GEORGEBILLIS.COM) or visit our website at www.georgebillis.com.



Arrival, oil on canvas, 24x24"

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