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GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

Adam Port

March 17 - April 18, 2020

George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce **Adam Port** and his latest work at the New York location. This exhibition will run from **March 17 through April 18, 2020**. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street, Ground floor, between 10th and 11th avenues on Thursday, **March 19th from 6-8pm**.

In this exhibition, Adam Port examines Sneaker Culture through his photorealistic paintings of some of the most iconic sneakers from the past 50 years. Each painting celebrates the history of the icons who wore them as well as the designers who developed the legendary footwear. Adam will focus on a selection of coveted sneakers, including Air Jordans, Reebok Pumps and Adidas Superstars. Each sneaker-portrait represents a moment in pop culture that is kept alive through today's vibrant collector's market.



Breakdance (1998), acrylic and pencil on paper, 49x41"

"My intention is to create a series of paintings that explore Sneaker Culture. Each object-portrait embodies a compelling history that invites observers to recall their own connection to sneakers. May that be nostalgia, status, fashion, function or icon emulation, the viewer can examine the significance and impact of sneakers through their own personal lens and experiences.

Through my representational photorealist approach, the sneakers stay true to their form, as each sneaker designer originally intended. With detailed precision, I aim to interpret the respected designer's deliberate choice of specific materials, color palette, incorporation of available technology and their fundamental interaction."



In Flight (Air Jordan 4 Retro OG "Bred" 2019), acrylic paint and colored pencil on panel, 36x36"

Adam Port is a New York based artist, born and raised on Long Island. Adam studied art at Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Illustration. Port has been painting professionally for 20 years and has devoted his photorealistic approach to painting pop culture icons including major historical figures of sports and entertainment. Ruth, Gehrig, Ali, Jordan, Tiger, Elvis and the Beatles - All and many more have received the artistic tribute of Port's life-like portraits.

The **George Billis Gallery** marks its 24rd 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 or visit our website at www.georgebillis.com

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