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GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

Charlie Meckel

February 26 - March 23, 2019



Molten Sulfur, Oil on Canvas, 21" X 19"

George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce Charlie Meckel and his latest work at the New York location. This exhibition will run from February 26 through March 23, 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, February 28, from 6-8pm.

Though the world is constantly shifting, some things remain steadfastly in place. For oil painter Charlie Meckel, whose life has been full of change and movement, art has always been one of his important constants.

He says, "In the beginning I spent days and nights researching and perfecting my craft by studying other artist's work, sketching, observing, and reflecting on how to convey certain themes, and

experimenting with various media. Also, delving into arcane tomes on materials handling, binders, glues, varnishes, mediums, and pigments."

Meckel has a rich inner life, portrayed in his paintings. His interest in nature and the human condition are especially present. He believes strongly that the physical forms of the subjects he paints are only "a conveyance of the spiritual essence."

Meckel's art has been influenced by the work of many masters of the past, including Neel, Wyeth, Cassat, Van Gogh, and Rembrandt. His paintings have been praised as "highly expressive" and "soothing and moving." One writer said, "Meckel is an artist of the western tradition. His thirst for knowledge and grasp of the sublime have led him to participate in an extensive and full lineage of traditional painting masters. He imbues each piece with deep observation, skill and aesthetic soul."

Meckel feels that his mission as an artist is to contribute to the continuing rich tradition of western representational oil painting that has inspired his own artistic journey.



Surrender to the Night, Oil on canvas, 22" X 36"

The George Billis Gallery marks its 22nd 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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