

# GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

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## DANNY HELLER

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### MIDCENTURY MANHATTAN

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George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce **Danny Heller** and his work at the New York location. This exhibition will run from **March 1 through March 26, 2016**. The **opening reception** will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on **Thursday, March 3 from 6-8pm**.

The artist writes of his works, “My latest series debuting at the George Billis Gallery, titled “**Midcentury Manhattan**,” delves deeper into my exploration of the architecture, car culture, and design aesthetic that flourished in New York City in the 1950s and 60s.

At a time when the city was transitioning from WWII aftermath to Modern metropolis, a whole new vision of contemporary city life was taking shape. Brownstone buildings turned into glass skyscrapers, a simplified clean aesthetic replaced ornate details, and entire city blocks were leveled to make way for the almighty automobile.

Focusing on this duality of the old and the new, my work captures a changing New York – the old neon signage of the neighborhood pharmacy, as well as the sleek interiors of Mies van der Rohe’s groundbreaking Seagram Building. You’ll find classic storefront windows displaying 1950’s fashion, juxtaposed with office windows of a Madison Ave skyscraper. Viewed as a whole, my series aims to take viewers to this transformative period of time – and might even remind them that many of these scenes can still be found in Manhattan today.”

Danny Heller received his BA in painting from UC Santa Barbara in 2004 and has exhibited in New York, as well as in Southern California, Denver, Chicago, Washington DC, and Boulange-Billancourt, France. His work has been published in American Art Collector, Southwest Art, CA Modern Magazine, Atomic Ranch Magazine, North Valley Community News, New American Paintings #73, and most recently was profiled on KCET and was the subject of a documentary in late 2012. He currently lives and works in Palm Springs, CA.

The George Billis Gallery marks its 20th 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 [galler@georgebillis.com](mailto:galler@georgebillis.com) or visit our website at [www.georgebillis.com](http://www.georgebillis.com)



Queensboro Bridge and Ford  
oil on canvas, 20x26”



Goldberger's Pharmacy, oil on canvas, 34x48”

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