

GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

GREGORY PRESTEGORD

NEW YORK CITY

APRIL 10 - MAY 12, 2018

George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce Gregory Prestegord and his new paintings at the New York location. This exhibition, *New York City*, will run from April 10 - May 12, 2018. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on Thursday, April 12th from 6 - 8 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 - 6pm.

I was born and raised in Old Philadelphia. It is a gritty place with a lot of graffiti art and broken down buildings. I was and have been inspired by cities like this and the urban life around me. Men playing music on the street corners and in the ghettos. The quality of light and shadows that I would see! Contrast! I wanted to capture this so I studied at art school my whole life. My dad was a printer and used to print for very famous artists so I would get a glimpse into that world since a young kid. I was trained at the oldest art school in

America, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. There is where I learned and studied the great masters. I graduated in 2005 where I won the first prize in cityscape painting. As an artist I like to combine all styles of art from impressionist to abstract to realism. My style is born from all of these. I like to capture the feeling of a place. Take your eye into the painting and create a sense that you're there. My paintings take on almost a sculptural form at times. The way I work and give my pieces the feeling that they emanate involves using many tools and almost looking at it as a real living thing. The boundaries of the arts need to be pushed to the next level. I try to do this and I am inspired by those that do this as well.



One Way, oil on panel, 48x48"



In the Rain, oil on canvas, 36x36", 2017

The George Billis Gallery marks its 21st 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 or visit our website at www.georgebillis.com.

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