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EPHRAIM RUBENSTEIN

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Life Is A House

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Ephraim Rubenstein, "Woodley, Sunlight 2," oil on linen, 52 x 44"

Ephraim Rubenstein will showcase his latest paintings at the George Billis Gallery, 525 West 26th Street, Ground Floor, between 10th and 11th Avenues, from September 2–27, 2014. The opening reception will be held at the gallery on Thursday, September 4, from 6–8p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday–Saturday, 10a.m.–6p.m.

Ephraim Rubenstein received his B.A. in Art History from Columbia University and his M.F.A. in Painting from Columbia University's School of the Arts. Mr. Rubenstein has had ten one-person exhibitions in New York, at Tibor de Nagy Gallery, Tatistcheff & Co. and most recently at George Billis Gallery in Chelsea. He has exhibited, as well, at the Butler Institute of American Art, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and the National Academy of Design. His work is represented in numerous public and private collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

This most recent painting series titled "Life is a House," focuses on a particular place, Woodley, Rubenstein's 18th cent. Maryland home; "a place that is peaceful, calm, centered—life enhancing." Its beautiful light and spaces invite the viewer to enter and walk around, becoming riveted by the fleeting, transient light.

Consider "Woodley, Sunlight 2" (oil on linen, 52 x 44") an empty room in which Rubenstein focuses on a sunbeam coming through a window. Or how "View of the Library"s (oil on linen, 48 x 38") beautiful entry-way leading to the library depicts one room unfolding onto the next. Exterior views play an important part in the artist's compositions as well, which adds to the personification of Woodley. Rubenstein states, "I have frequently thought of the relationship between houses, people and families." In this beautiful series, Rubenstein invites us to explore the notion of houses as fertile metaphors for human qualities.

The George Billis Gallery marks its 18th year in the Chelsea Art District and its sister gallery is located in the 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.

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