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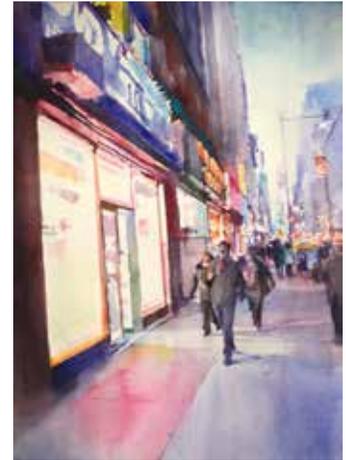
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## GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

# CHRISTOPHER ST. LEGER

MAY 30 - JUNE 24, 2017

George Billis Gallery is pleased to welcome Christopher St.Leger and his new paintings at the New York location. This exhibition will run from May 30 - June 24, 2017. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on Thursday, June 1st from 6-8 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10-6pm



*Adult Shop, watercolor, 22x16"*

"I believe in the power of time, in the shaping effect that years have on the action of my work. I believe in a statement that reflects upon those years. The reverse I would call a manifesto. My paintings grow from an exploration between mood and place. Each work is a delicate anchor as well as an approach, a question to spur on the thread of conversation.

In the spirit of Sargent/Klee in Egypt, or Homer in North America's 19th century wilderness, themes in my work explore the terrain of expanded civilization. Snapshot sources capture fleeting images of places I visit seasonally and are varied. But my focus is on the transportive aesthetic of the painting itself.

Painting the built environment for years has developed into a visual language. Compositionally, I am drawn to the single point perspective that divides a painting into halves. I seek out the nondescript and a non hierarchy in order to emphasize passages of light and dark. By contrast, I am also drawn to a deadpan central, idle object, contained from each direction. An engrained metaphor, that of being predetermined or steered like a passenger, takes clearer shape with each passing year. This is a state of middle, of reflective surfaces, a longing for the distant horizon marked by futility and restlessness."



*Union Street, watercolor, 22x33"*

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).

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