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GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

BENNETT VADNAIS

MAY 28 - JUNE 22, 2013



The Guttered Building, acrylic on canvas, 30x40"

Bennett Vadnais will exhibit his recent paintings at **George Billis Gallery, 521 West 26th Street**, between 10th and 11th Avenues, from **May 28 – June 22, 2013**. An artist's reception will be held at the gallery on **Thursday, May 30 from 6 – 8 p.m.** Gallery hours are **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 – 6pm.**

Bennett Vadnais (b. 1978) grew up in Washington State. He began to pursue art in his early teens and trained in the classical tradition at such schools as, the Bougie Studio, MN, the Water Street Atelier, NY, and the Art Students League of New York. Currently, Vadnais resides, works and teaches in New York City.

Vadnais works primarily in acrylic. Though he explores a variety of subject matter, his specialty is urban landscape. His paintings are created through a series of drawings and painted studies done on site from direct observation. He will often use a single subject as a jumping off point for

multiple paintings exploring different moods, compositions or technical approaches. Whether this means painting the same scene under different lighting conditions, from different angles, or in a different scale or format, he enjoys looking at a subject until he feels he has exhausted its potential. Vadnais' paintings have a tension between the factual reality of a place and the idea of it as it exists in memory.

This is Bennett Vadnais first solo exhibition at the George Billis Gallery. Vadnais has shown work in prestigious galleries in Atlanta, GA, Alexandria, VA, San Francisco, CA and New York City. The artist has also shown abroad in Paris, France. In addition, Vadnais was the recipient of both the Edward McDowell and the Xavier Gonzalez travel grants and his paintings are in various private and corporate collections.

The George Billis Gallery marks its sixteenth year in the Chelsea art district and opened a second gallery 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



Call Your Mom, acrylic on panel, 11x14"

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