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GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

Richard Orient

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Hudson River Landscapes



Richard Orient, Hudson River #5, 2018, oil on paper, 15 x 20"

George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce Richard Orient and his latest work at the New York location. This exhibition will run from December 11, 2018 through January 19, 2019. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on Thursday, December 13, from 6-8pm.

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“My New paintings are observations of the Hudson River and its environs.

I travel by train back and forth from New York City to Poughkeepsie through the Hudson River Valley. As the train travels along the banks of the Hudson River I observe the

varied terrain of the river landscape. I have grown familiar with the geography of the river as it flows through valleys with lush river banks and through mountains and deep woods. The new paintings are about what I see from the window of the train as it speeds along the river bank. I'm interested in portraying the passing landscape and painting a glimpse of what I've seen.

These new river paintings are more abstract than my previous landscape paintings and I think more intimate in their impressionistic style. There's a quality of motion in my depiction of the river as I watch it pass by at a fast speed - light and reflections are fleeting and the terrain is ever changing.

Working from memory and photos, and on a smaller scale than before, I paint an impression of what I observed, in oil paint applied with a rubber spatula in a dragging method that smears the paint in an impressionistic evocation of both the speed and movement in train travel and the still presence of the river scene.”



Richard Orient, Hudson River #1, 2018, oil on paper, 15 x 20"

The George Billis Gallery marks its 22nd year in the Chelsea Art district and its sister gallery is located in the burgeoning gallery district of Culver City in Los Angeles, please visit our website at www.georgebillis.com, [instagram @georgebillisgallery](https://www.instagram.com/georgebillisgallery).

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