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Alex Jackson: *Phantom Flesh*

Boston, MA – Steven Zevitas Gallery is pleased to present *Phantom Flesh*, an exhibition of new paintings and works on paper by New Haven-based artist, **Alex Jackson**. The exhibition will be on view from Friday, April 7 through Saturday, May 27, 2017, with an opening reception Friday, April 7.

On View: April 7 – May 27, 2017

Reception: Friday, April 7, 2017, 5:30 – 8 PM

The work presented in *Phantom Flesh* is a continuation of imagery that Jackson has arrived at through narrative writing and drawing. Jackson's paintings employ a blend of characters, whose bodies and surroundings shift in relation to one another. Through the investigation of narrative painting, historical research, physical being, diasporic geographies, and mythology, Jackson attempts to create a nuanced understanding of what it means to inhabit a space and time. As he has stated:

What encompasses the narrative and the images in their entirety as a project, is a mining through historical narratives, Afro-diasporic histories and geographies, science fiction, global modernisms, and a discourse on representation.

As for many artists of his generation, the figure is essential to Jackson, yet each painting in *Phantom Flesh* is approached in its own distinct way and encompasses its own set of rules. In some works, varying surface textures dictate internal relationships, while in others the spatial relationships of the figure to architecture or natural environments become paramount. Jackson is interested in both the visual and haptic qualities of his subjects. To this end, in each painting skin takes on a new kind of surface, be it texture or pattern. The fluidity, malleability, and illegibility of the body allows for the subject to feel felt rather than solely a visual being.

Jackson is a 2017 graduate of the Yale University School of Art's MFA program, and the recipient of a 2015 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture residency. His work has been featured in numerous exhibitions, including a 2016 group show at the Elmhurst Museum of Art. This is the artist's first exhibition at Steven Zevitas Gallery.

For additional information, please contact Steven Zevitas at 617.778.5265 (ext. 22). *Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11AM – 5 PM.*