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JERED SPRECHER: ALS ICK KAN AT STEVEN ZEVITAS GALLERY

On View: September 8 – October 15, 2011

Opening Reception: Friday, September 9, 2011 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Boston, MA - Steven Zevitas Gallery is pleased to announce a show of new paintings by Knoxville, Tennessee-based artist, Jered Sprecher. *Als Ick Kan* will be on view from Thursday, September 8 through Saturday, October 15, 2011.

The discourse surrounding abstraction has been particularly fluid in recent years, and Sprecher is firmly rooted within a generation of painters who are currently revitalizing the practice. While the term “provisional” is often attached to the practice and aims of this generation, Sprecher’s work comes from a place that is more purposeful and permanent.

Sprecher’s exhibition derives its title from a phrase found on several of Flemish old-master Jan van Eyck’s works; *als ick kan* can be roughly translated as “as best I can.” Specher has long been a hunter and gatherer of manmade visual information. To this end, art history serves as one of many sources that he actively draws from including: wallpaper, graffiti, architecture, formal gardens, Tupperware, flint knives, cut gemstones, and x-rays. In each case, these sources serve as a point of departure for an exploration of how imagery evolves when filtered through the lens of culture, and by extension, how his chosen medium of expression, painting, evolves as well.

Aesthetic diversity is a hallmark of Sprecher’s practice. The paintings included in *Als Ick Kan* are not held together by any overriding “look,” rather, the techniques and methods used to create them are specific to the needs of any given painting. For Sprecher, this aesthetic dispersion “serves to reemphasize the plurality of expression found in the vast amounts of imagery and marks made by humankind and the differing characteristics that they carry with them.”

Sprecher earned an MFA at the University of Iowa in 2002, and joined the faculty of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2005, where he is now an Associate Professor. Recent solo exhibitions include shows at Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York City; Kinkead Contemporary, Los Angeles; and Gallery 16 in San Francisco. Sprecher has been included in numerous group exhibitions, including shows at The Drawing Center in New York City; the Museum of Modern Art in Dublin, Ireland; and Devening Projects in Chicago. Sprecher was the recipient of a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship in 2009. This is his third solo exhibition at Steven Zevitas Gallery.

***Als Ick Kan* will be open Thursday, September 8 and continue through October 15. The artist will be present at an opening reception on Friday, September 9th from 5:30-7:30 PM. For additional information, please contact Steven Zevitas at 617.778.5265 (ext. 22).**