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Figure it Out

Boston, MA – Steven Zevitas Gallery is pleased to present *Figure it Out*, an exhibition of paintings and works on paper by seven emerging artists for whom the figure is a central subject matter. The artists included are: **Bradley Biancardi, Stephen D’Onofrio, Clotilde Jiménez, Annie Hémond Hotte, Sean-McGee Phetsarath, Celeste Rapone** and **Russell Shoemaker**. The exhibition will be on view from Friday, June 3 through Saturday, August 20, 2016, with an opening reception Friday, June 3.

On View: June 3 – August 20, 2016

Reception: Friday, April 1, 2016, 5:30 – 8 PM

Bringing together the work of seven emerging artists, *Figure it Out* explores the widespread resurgence of the figure in contemporary painting. For the better part of a decade, abstraction, in particular that of the provisional or de-skilled ilk, dominated the discourse surrounding painting. While there are some talented artists working in this vein—Richard Aldrich and Joe Bradley, to name two—much of the stuff is so hopelessly bland and devoid of meaningful content that it has garnered the moniker “zombie formalism.” In the past three years, however, the winds have shifted. Abstraction is out, and the figure is in; flatness is out, as artists begin to embrace a space that lies somewhere between reality and a digital simulacrum of it.

The figure is the oldest subject matter in the visual arts, yet a new generation of artists are addressing it with all manner of stylistic intonation. The number of young artists currently working with the figure is overwhelming. Even more conspicuous is the number of artists who, whatever their subject matter, are conjuring a kind of space that seems teasingly “real” yet clearly relies on life as experienced through the computer screen more than the living room window. Perhaps this is not a surprise, given that a generation of artists weaned on the Internet is now coming of age. Just as artists such as Andy Warhol helped us to understand consumer culture, so will this new generation of artists help us understand a world in which images often carry more weight than reality even though they can vanish with the click of a key.

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