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Michael Krueger: *Meditation is Not What You Think*

Boston, MA – Steven Zevitas Gallery is pleased to present *Meditation is Not What You Think*, an exhibition of new paintings by Kansas City area artist, **Michael Krueger**. The exhibition will be on view from October 22 through December 31, 2015, with an opening reception Friday, November 6.

On View: October 22 – December 31, 2015

Reception: Friday, November 6, 2015, 5:30 – 8 PM

Since the early 2000s, Krueger has become increasingly well known for his idiosyncratic works on paper that address topics of art history, hippie culture, contemporary politics and the mythology of the West. *Meditation is Not What You Think* marks an unabashed departure for Krueger both in terms of the form and content of his work. The exhibition features eleven new paintings that deal with the material and immaterial, images and non-images, each seeking moments of mediation.

The paintings on view are created without brushes, using stencils, rollers, screen-printing, airbrush and sometimes-shaped canvases and 3-dimensional projections. They are pristine and otherworldly, while flat and persistent of object-ness, small but less than intimate, familiar but unknown, awkward and comfortable.

Krueger finds covert inspiration, form, humor and sensation in the struggle to unburden the mind, and clarity in the images that well up as one tries to meditate everything away. He embraces images that flicker off and on, repeat and refresh unfiltered. For Krueger:

The charge for artists like me is to embed an idea in material. And in doing so create something that exists beyond language, in a non-linear, paradoxical realm where several things can be true at the same time. To create a work of art that can be seen with the eyes and the mind and transcends the material origins. In this way art is alchemical, it is not direct or tangible but rather mystical, prophetic and psychic.

Krueger's work has been included in over 300 exhibitions, and recent solo exhibitions include exhibitions at: Sunday L.E.S., New York, NY, Blackburn 20/20, New York, NY and Haw Contemporary, Kansas City, MO. Important group exhibitions include, The Drawing Center, New York, NY, KRETS Gallery, Malmo, Sweden, The Denver Museum of Art, Denver, CO, Planthouse, New York, NY, Glasgow Print Studio, Scotland, UK, Adam Baumgold, New York, NY, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Museum, Philadelphia, PA and the Kala Art Institute, Berkeley, CA. In 2012, Krueger made animations for the feature length documentary – Drop City, the film has screened at 27 festivals (to date) including, the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN, MoMA PS 1, New York, NY, Bosch Art Film Festival, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Experimenta Design Biennale, Lisbon, Portugal and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO. This is Krueger's fourth solo exhibition at Steven Zevitas Gallery.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, November 6th from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. For additional information, please contact Steven Zevitas at 617.778.5265 (ext. 22). *Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11AM – 5 PM.*