

# STEVEN ZEVITAS GALLERY

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### **Jaqueline Cedar: *Be real***

**Boston, MA** – Steven Zevitas Gallery is pleased to present *Be real*, an exhibition of new paintings by Brooklyn-based artist, Jaqueline Cedar. The exhibition will be on view from March 24 through May 14, 2016, with an opening reception Friday, April 1.

**On View:** March 24 – May 14, 2016

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

Cedar has been relentlessly engaged with the figure and its history in painting since emerging from UCLA close to a decade ago. Over the intervening years, she has experimented with an extraordinary range of formal and stylistic strategies. The figures in Cedar's paintings are often life-sized. Their "actions" are inextricably linked with the formal circumstances they find themselves in amidst abstract fields of shape and color. As Cedar states:

*They have strong inclinations toward action yet limited mobility. They find themselves absorbed by their own thoughts and yet compelled to engage with their surroundings. They are filled with a sense of impending doom and still uncertain of their purpose. Some are distracted by the task at hand. Some ask questions and observe closely. Some assess the current conditions and look for a way out.*

In her most recent work, Cedar experiments with collage and sourced fabrics to create scenarios in which her subjects behave as both backdrops and participants, observers and actors. There is a nuanced complexity to these paintings. In them, adjacent structures of shape and value at once form and collapse, advancing an overall sensation of motion, depth and atmosphere. In some cases, Cedar's collage elements spill out beyond the picture plane, further confusing the position of subject and viewer.

Cedar earned a BA from UCLA in 2007 and an MFA from Columbia in 2009. Her work has been included in numerous exhibitions, including shows at DUTTON, Brian Morris Gallery, Lesley Heller Workspace and Fredericks & Freiser Gallery, all in New York City. This is Cedar's first solo exhibition at Steven Zevitas Gallery.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, April 1st from 5:00 – 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.*