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Tuesday, July 11th - Saturday, August 5th

Anne M Bray - #mycommute
Suki Kuss – Pure and Simple
Dan Lencioni – Aggregations

Opening Reception:
Saturday, July 15th, 2017 from 5 – 8PM

Artist Panel Discussion:
Saturday, August 5th, 2017 at 3PM

Anne M Bray – #mycommute

Daily commutes are a perennial topic of conversation for residents of greater Los Angeles. Most in the City of Angels are not afforded the luxury of living within walking distance of their workplace. Artist Anne M Bray is no stranger to this phenomenon and has an 80 mile round trip trek, between Mar Vista and Irwindale, four times a week. In her exhibition #mycommute, Bray demonstrates how she has transformed her hours spent behind the wheel into creative pursuits.

During the mornings, she focuses her attention on the back ends of trucks. In the evenings, Bray finds her gaze drawn to the play of light on freeway overpasses and the buildings of downtown. Photos are captured with her phone, and then undergo a transformation into digital watercolors using a phone app called Waterlogue. She then shares the images on social media. For this exhibition, the trucks are printed and fused

onto aluminum. These small-scale prints are displayed in thematic grids. The L.A. roadscapes are printed on paper.

With #mycommute, Bray transforms the drudgery of commuting into an act of exploration and wonder using a variety mediums and technology. The exhibition offers a new way of looking at the daily drive, be it to work or homeward.

Suki Kuss – *Pure and Simple*

Suki Kuss' newest exhibition at TAG gallery entitled, Pure and Simple is a study of her ever-evolving sensibility as an artist over the past several years. While Kuss' inspirations, approach, and outlook continue to grow with an embryonic sense of discovery, the content and technique remain constant. The search for the perfect dichotomy between balance and quietude is the foremost theme in these works.

The death of Kuss' 100-year-old mother in early 2017 set the tone for the work in this show, casting a reflective shroud on individual pieces. Both dark and illuminating, the work encompasses Kuss' many emotional moments and thoughts in the process of grieving and rejoicing the many years of her mother's life. Hand drawn line work, patterns, and texture serve as reminders of Kuss' delicate connection to her mother, navigating the viewer through an abstract narrative of the mother-daughter relationship.

Working in a very pale, austere palette or rich black surfaces, the push and pull of the canvases plays on the thought that opposites seem to attract. Life and death, black and white, smooth and textured, are all examples Kuss explores through this series of canvases.

Pure and Simple is a tribute to the differences and moments that form our lives and how one chooses to navigate those setbacks and opportunities. As such with this exhibition Kuss asks viewers to contemplate, scrutinize, process, and analyze their own narratives.

Dan Lencioni – *Aggregations*

Dan Lencioni's debut exhibition at TAG Gallery entitled *Aggregations*, starts in a chaotic fashion by placing materials of all kinds on the surface. These random textured irregularities interrupt his sketches and mark making, heightening the tensions of the surface structure through instinctive primal expression. Lencioni is not interested in depicting a specific story, but interested in establishing a space to explore.

For the artist, each piece is an expression of a feeling. All the basic ingredients become an art form when they come to life in the eyes of the viewer. Each piece is flexible enough to express different emotions to individual viewers. The concept is the same, but to Lencioni, the final product is a magical, empathetic and sublime experience.

TAG Gallery

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