

Tristan Stevens

View-Point

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Opening event: Monday 1 September, 6 to 9pm

On view: 2 to 21 September

12noon to 6pm daily

Open to public - admission free

OUTPOST is pleased to present the work of painter Tristan Stevens. A re-occurring cast of images populates Stevens' exhibition and these images are laid out on canvas, paper and board like stickers in a child's annual. The placement is seemingly random, but owes its order to deep-rooted notions. The result might be compared to a portrait of thought with each piece forming a resolution of conflicting opinions.

Integral to the process of Tristan's earlier paintings were the landscapes in which his re-occurring images began to take shape. Stevens' work during his undergraduate studies often involved the meticulous application of coloured washes onto materials ranging from gesso and oil to glitter and spit. This process was so meticulous that the figures he depicted as inhabiting his landscapes often seemed (in terms of process) secondary. In reality the figuration was just more immediate, a stream of friends waxing and waning from the psyche like tics.

Stevens' show at OUTPOST will feature a combination of new paintings and new drawings, hung formally and individually spot lit. This new work shows a greater self-awareness of the figure, an awareness that stems from a recent residency at Baztille Studios in Zoetermeer, where transport limitations nudged Tristan to work with paper.

Tristan Stevens was born in Montreal, Canada and studied BA Fine Art at Norwich School of Art & Design, graduating in 2006. He currently lives and works in Frome, Somerset. Exhibitions include 'Furze and Whin', Somerset, 'What have I got to do with it', Holland and at The Hans Brinker Budget Trophy Award Exhibition. Stevens' work has recently featured in Ninja Magazine, Paris and 20x20 Magazine, London.

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