

GRAHAM DURWARD
Bathers and Others**DATES // May 8 - June 15, 2014**
Opening Reception: Thursday, May 8th from 6 - 8pm**HOURS // Wed - Sun // 11 am - 6 pm**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASEpresented by **Michael Steinberg Fine Art**

Michael Steinberg Fine Art, in conjunction with 33 Orchard, presents *Bathers and Others*, a show of paintings and works on paper by Graham Durward. Opening on May 8th, and running through June 15th, 2014, the exhibition focuses on two recent bodies of work.

Within the images identified as "Bathers," the viewer encounters a group of men, always posed in identical relationship to each other. But while the formal composition of the paintings remains nearly static, a broad and evocative range of emotionality is evoked by Durward's painterly nuance. Color and gesture, alternately intense or ghostly, combine to generate a complex variety of moods and subjective experience. Whether one reads the men depicted in the paintings as anxious or serene, fulfilled or longing, may well be a reflection of the viewer's own emotional state. The artist skillfully positions each work in a psychic borderland, charged with ambivalence and potential meaning.

"Others" makes reference to works in which Graham Durward depicts single figures whose identities are disguised, distorted and disfigured. More overtly "anxious" than the "Bathers," each of these "Others" inhabits an isolated and atomized space that is frequently menacing. Brought by vigorous and sometimes violent gesture to a point of near anonymity, they are simultaneously somewhere and nowhere. Painted incarnations of Gyorgy Lukacs' concept of transcendental homelessness, they seek specificity and achieve abstraction.



Here in the Light of this Familiar Now, 2013,
Oil on linen, 60 x 48 in



The Shape of You, 2013, oil on linen, 48 x 36 in

Graham Durward was born in Aberdeen, UK and currently lives and works in New York. His most recent exhibitions include a two-person show at Heskin Contemporary in New York with artist Mary Schwab in 2014, a solo exhibition at Louis B. James, New York in 2012 and a solo exhibition at Maurren Paley, London in 2009.

About Michael Steinberg Fine Art:

Michael Steinberg Fine Art is a curatorial, art advisement and fine art publishing organization based in New York City that will be a regular participant in the 33 Orchard exhibition schedule.

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Gallery hours are Wed to Sun from 11 AM - 6 PM. Closest subway trains are F at East Broadway, B/D at Grand Street, and 4/5/6 at Canal Street.

About 33 Orchard:

33 Orchard, opened January 2014, is a new art gallery located at 33B Orchard Street between Hester and Canal Streets in Lower Manhattan. 33 Orchard is a community of gallerists and curators working towards a new business model of a commercial art space, sharing resources and ideas. The gallery is directed by Jane Kim, who founded Thrust Projects on the Bowery from 2005 to 2010.