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Bert Green Fine Art presents



Matthew Schlagbaum, The promise that seems to not be quite so promising, Archival Digital Print, Oak Artist Frame, 35.5 x 25", 2017

Matthew Schlagbaum

Smiling through gritted teeth

<http://bgfa.us/artists/schlagbaum>



Victoria Reynolds, Flesh Medallion, Oil on Panel and Frame, 10 x 8.75", 2017

In the Project Room:

Victoria Reynolds

Médailles de Corps (Flesh Medallions)

<http://bgfa.us/artists/reynolds>

March 11 - April 22 2017

Opening Reception Saturday March 11 5-8 pm

Artist's Talk Saturday April 15 4 pm

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Gallery Hours Friday and Saturday 12-5 or by appointment Monday - Saturday. Free Admission.

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Bert Green Fine Art is pleased to present our second solo show by Chicago-based contemporary artist Matthew Schlagbaum, and our first solo show by Los Angeles-based artist Victoria Reynolds.

Matthew Schlagbaum unites the media of sculpture, photography, and paint to depict metaphors for oppressive social structures that masquerade as universal ideals. Mainstream concepts of happiness, and their resulting recommended lifestyles, are exposed as methods of systematic social control. His images and sculptural objects are sometimes drained of color, viewed from behind, or seen as manipulated emotional and physical states of being that express the profound exclusion experienced by those who are not the intended audience.

Victoria Reynolds uses meat as a primary decorative motif, playfully applying its visceral qualities to the surface of the painting and the surrounding frame. There is an uneasy tension between the understanding of flesh as food, and our self-identification of it; her conflation of desire, mortality, viscosity, and the survival instinct is a powerful source of aesthetic fascination.

All gallery events are free and open to the public. Additional exhibition information, press releases and high-resolution images may be found at the gallery website at <http://bgfa.us>.