

Greg Drasler
Crowded Places/Open Spaces

January 28 – March 20, 2021

*Mixed News*, 2009, Oil on canvas, 50 x 70 inches

Betty Cuningham Gallery is pleased to open *Crowded Places/Open Spaces* an exhibition of paintings by Greg Drasler. This will be the artist's fifth exhibition with the Gallery, located at 15 Rivington Street, New York, NY. An online viewing room will accompany the exhibition.

The paintings in this exhibition split into two distinct themes: *crowded places* where an overhead view of hats-homburgs, bowlers, fedoras, caps - jam together to fill the picture plane, and *open spaces* where driverless cars traverse surreal landscapes that seemingly extend forever. In all of his work, the artist relies on patterns to create an infinite sense of time and place that continues beyond his canvases. Although two distinct themes, both find root in the artist's lifelong interest in film; framing, serializing and sequencing is seen in Drasler's process as well as his subject. The exhibition includes 30 oil paintings created between 2005 and 2021.

Born in Waukegan, IL, Greg Drasler received a BFA and MFA from the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana. He has exhibited regularly in the US since the mid 80's. Widely collected privately, Drasler's work can be seen in the collections of Dow Jones, Inc., New York; Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL; University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana, IL; New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York; The Fisher Landau Center for Art, Long Island City, New York. Drasler has been the recipient of the Pollock Krasner Foundation Grant (2019), John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship (2015), National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship (1993) and the New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship (1991). He is currently a Professor at Pratt Institute and previously taught at Princeton University.

The exhibition will be accompanied by an online viewing room and will remain on view at the Gallery through March 20, 2020.

Listing Information: Betty Cuningham Gallery is located at 15 Rivington Street, b/t Bowery and Chrystie Street, New York, NY 10002
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Gallery Hours: Tue- Sat: 10am - 6pm

Next Exhibition: Fairfield Porter, March 12- April 24, 2021