

## **Grey James Curator's Statement**

Grey James' paintings and mixed media works have for many years been concerned with the examination of specific motifs. Many of his core subjects are repeatedly and rigorously selected: the male nude, lemons, the sky, the sea, the horizon. At the center of the work is the idea of "Nothing." As the artist observes: "there's a lot going on in Nothing." As banal and monotonous as that appears, there are deeper meanings that touch on age old experiences of solitude, simplicity, and the truth found in silence and the observation and contemplation of the world. Simple works presented without pretension are tremendously powerful. The newer works in this show continue his traditional focus, made while the artist was undergoing testosterone therapy as part of his gender transition.

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Long before I got here I viewed aging as a second puberty.

As it went, because I transitioned so late in life I got to have two puberties at the same time. Ideals, desires, urges, possibilities versus realities.

Then, no longer becoming, I had become.

Now what?

I'd been becoming so long I didn't know how to occupy being.

So I just stood there.

# Grey James

## Resume

### Education

1986

C.W. Post College, Long Island University, Greenvale, NY, BFA, Painting/Printmaking

1990

School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

Art Students League, New York, NY

### Solo Exhibitions

2021

Fleurs, Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago, IL

2019

LA Art Show, Bert Green Fine Art Solo Project Booth

Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago, IL

2016

Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago, IL

2015

NeoLithic, Los Angeles, CA

2013

NeoLithic, Los Angeles, CA

2012

Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago, IL

2010

Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA

2009

Edgar Varela Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA

2008

Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA

Art Slave, Los Angeles, CA

2006

Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA

2005

"The Principal Object of Faith," 18th Street Arts, Santa Monica, CA

### Group Exhibitions

2018

Quiet Please Pop-Up, Avenue 50 Studio, Highland Park, CA

2017

"When Line Becomes Form." Brand Art Center, Los Angeles, CA.

"Crossing Boundaries: Engendering LGBTQ Identities." Avenue 50 Studio, Los Angeles, CA.

"Expanded Visions, Fifty Years of Collecting." Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, New York, NY

2014

Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago, IL

2012

Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago, IL

2010

Advocate-Gochis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2009

Art Slave, Los Angeles, CA  
2008  
Art Slave, Los Angeles, CA  
Michael Mullin Fine Art, San Francisco, CA  
2007  
Second Street Art and Cigars, Los Angeles, CA  
"Unus Deus Plures Vinco," Art Slave Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
2006  
Dirt Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
2005  
Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA  
2003  
"Los Angeles Assemblage Show," Don O'Melveny Gallery, West Hollywood, CA  
"Peter Frank Selects" Juried Competition, Don O'Melveny Gallery, West Hollywood, CA

### **Public Collections**

Leslie Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, New York, NY

### **Private Collections**

Herb Arnold, Greenvale NY  
Angela Beske, Oakland CA  
Ken Bucalo, Studio City CA  
Natalie Chaidez, Los Angeles CA  
Michelle Espinoza Coulter, Los Angeles  
Raymond Coppolla, New York NY  
Emanuel Fiano, Oakland CA  
Broderic Fox, Los Angeles CA  
Laura Friedman, Los Angeles, CA  
Mr. and Mrs. Karl Godber, Brooklyn NY  
Greg Grammer, Los Angeles CA  
Bert Green & Aric Lasher, Chicago IL  
Steve Hamblin, Los Angeles CA  
Scott Hunter, Chicago IL  
Frank Jaffe, Los Angeles, CA  
Colleen Kelly, Santa Barbara, CA  
Emma Kennedy, Jersey, UK  
Michael Masterson, Los Angeles, CA  
James O'Brien, Los Angeles, CA  
Brian OCallaghan, Chiang Mai, Thailand  
Michael Olszewski, Chicago IL  
Christian Platz, Ludwigshafen, Germany  
Aneil Rallin, Los Angeles CA  
Ken Rongey, Los Angeles CA  
Ed Ruscha, Los Angeles CA  
Paul Ruscha, Los Angeles CA  
Gerald Saunders, Los Angeles CA  
Thomas Schoos, Los Angeles, CA  
Michael Scott, Los Angeles CA  
Charles A Sims, Los Angeles CA  
Dian Sourelis, Chicago IL  
Doug Stapleton, Chicago IL

Jack Stuck, Brooklyn NY  
Debra Thompson, Los Angeles, CA  
Andrew Thornton, Bolivar PA  
Arlene Vidor, Los Angeles, CA  
Susan Weber, Los Angeles CA  
Jane Wenger, Chicago IL

**Corporate Commissions**

2004 JT Magen & Company, Inc., NY NY  
2003 Manhattan Mechanical Contractors, NY NY