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Walker Buckner: Recent Paintings

January 9 – February 8, 2014

Lori Bookstein Fine Art is pleased to announce an exhibition of recent paintings by Walker Buckner. This is the artist's fifth solo-show with the gallery.

This exhibition will be comprised of recent paintings executed over the last four years. Working with easel-sized canvases, Buckner paints his work en plein air.

This latest series of work exemplifies the artist's continued interest in articulating the natural world around him. Painted in either central Ohio or outside of Boston, Massachusetts, the work depicts both a temperate landscape and climate. In many paintings, the expanse of the sky extends well beyond the top half of the canvas, presenting itself as the focal point of the picture rather than the backdrop to a landscape. Several more paintings have no horizon line at all, but instead, portray loosely painted fields of clouds that extend to the edges of the picture plane. Indeed, these cloudscapes seem more akin to gestural abstractions (or "all-over paintings") than impressionist renderings.

Buckner also continues to explore the potential of color in these paintings. Rarely painting in a naturalistic palette, the artist uses saturated hues to suggest a particular weather pattern or time of day. Even more apparently, his palette often has seasonal connotations: canvases painted with rich plums and rusted oranges seem to identify themselves as autumnal skiescapes, while other paintings with vibrant palettes of pastel yellows and sherbet-oranges suggest the bright light of summer. Certainly, Buckner's work attests to the ways in which light and color imply a sense of both time and place.

Walker Buckner (b. 1943, New York, NY) studied painting under Joseph Hirsch at the Art Students League, New York, and at the National Academy of Design, New York. His work has been previously represented by Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA, Maxwell Davidson Gallery, New York, NY and Galeria de Todos Santos, Todos Santos, Mexico. The artist lives and works in Boston, MA.

Walker Buckner: Recent Paintings will be on view from January 9 – February 8, 2014. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, January 9th from 6-8 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 am to 6:00 pm. For additional information and/or visual materials, please contact the gallery at (212) 750-0949 or by email at info@loribooksteinfineart.com.