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Adam Higgins

Lollipop

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Press Release

Chris Sharp Gallery is pleased to present *Lollipop*, Los Angeles-based painter Adam Higgins' second solo exhibition with the gallery.

The exhibition features paintings of translucent-handled screwdrivers on top of images. For these works, Higgins arranges screwdrivers on top of photographic prints, then photographs the pairings again to use as references for each painting. The underlying snapshots consist of scenes the artist takes from his daily life.

A viewer's experience of these paintings changes depending on the distance from which they are seen. From afar, they are all about photography: pictures of objects and objects on pictures. At middle distance, the paint reveals the artist's affection for gesture, color and formal structure. Drawn close, they explode into a welter of abstract fundament. The screwdriver, a hard yet changeable object, looks less like itself the longer one looks at it.

An object like that can be a companion across lifetimes, a prop in a theater, a stone in a poem, or candy in a picture, e.g: "As a boy, he found it perfectly normal to insert a lollipop into his mouth, but as he pulled out a screwdriver, he awoke as an old man in his workshop."

Adam Higgins (b. 1989, Huntington Beach, CA) lives and works in Los Angeles. Recent solo exhibitions include *My Salad Years: La Suite*, Place des Vosges, Paris, 2023; *My Salad Years*, Chris Sharp Gallery, Los Angeles, 2023; *Lonesome*, Tops Gallery, Memphis, 2022; and *Flatfish*, Hunter Shaw Fine Art, Los Angeles, 2020. Recent group exhibitions include *Muna Island*, Chris Sharp Gallery, Los Angeles, 2026; *Trespass sweetly urged*, Tanya Leighton, Berlin, 2024; *Nián Nián*: The Power and Agency of Animal Forms, Deji Art Museum, Nanjing, 2023; *No Hard Place*, Galerie Dengyun, Shanghai, 2022; and *The Imaginary Sea*, Villa Carmignac, Hyères, 2021.



American Flag with Seven Screwdrivers, 2026
Oil on canvas
43 x 47 in (109.2 x 119.3 cm)

detail view



detail view



installation view



Redondo Beach with Screwdriver, 2026. Oil on canvas, 56 x 78 in (142.2 x 198.1 cm)



detail view



detail view

detail view





installation view



Empire State Building with Screwdriver, 2026
Oil on canvas
47 x 43 in (119.3 x 109.2 cm)

detail view



detail view



Le Pont des Invalides with Screwdriver, 2026
Oil on canvas
23 x 27 in (58.4 x 68.5 cm)



detail view

detail view



detail view



installation view



Caesar Salad with Two Screwdrivers, 2026
Oil on canvas
43 x 47 in (109.2 x 119.3 cm)

detail view

detail view



installation view



McWay Cove with Screwdriver, 2026
Oil on canvas
43 x 47 in (109.2 x 119.3 cm)



detail view

detail view



installation view



Pig with Screwdriver, 2026
Oil on canvas
23 x 27 in (58.4 x 68.5 cm)

detail view



detail view



installation view



Blimp and Birds with Two Screwdrivers, 2026
Oil on canvas
43 x 47 in (109.2 x 119.3 cm)

detail view



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