

For Immediate Release:

Jack Featherly

14 February through 14 March 1998

Team Gallery will present a solo exhibition of new paintings by Jack Featherly from 14 February through 14 March 1998.

Jack Featherly's new paintings are a brand of minimal, abstract pop. Jack has been re-defining his relationship with the term "image" for the past four years, trying to meld the lyrical with its hardened "other". Trying to come to terms with the museum and club culture; Jack is using oil paint to render cinematic special effects in hues reminiscent of the fruity cocktail. Equally adept at choosing Prada and at polishing the family car, Jack blends the corporate logo and the movie trailer, the slick and the sentimental.

These paintings summon soft-edged color field painters as much as they do hard-edged Modernist tracts, without ever losing touch with the contemporary. Jack's new paintings differ from abstraction of the 1960's in that they indulge in conflicted, emotive situations which reflect a 90's-style understanding of visual life. They are not looking for purity and idealism within the form. They are looking for power through an economy of directives.

Jack's pictures are about beauty, pleasure and perfection. There is an illusion of inevitability; an impression that you are looking at a pure and plausible visual embodiment of science or engineering. The evolutionary referents to certain tropes of beauty and the sublime in our recent modernist history reinforce this thought.

In the subtle, yet everywhere-present, play of hard and soft lines, the tension of bipolar thinking is evoked. That Jack's paintings can look Ken Noland and think Beck is quite an accomplishment. In using images with this retro sensibility, this handed-down Contemporary, Jack places himself firmly in the current painting dilemma and comes clean with a strong and convincing voice.

This is the artist's first solo show with the gallery.

Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11am to 7pm. For further information and/or photographs please call 212 279 9219.