

dépendance is pleased to announce Richard Aldrich's third solo exhibition in the gallery. The exhibition is being presented in collaboration with Gladstone Gallery, Brussels which will host a concurrent exhibition on view April 23 – June 7. The two exhibitions will feature paintings, drawings, and sculptures created over the course of the past decade, that highlight Aldrich's interest in the way in which objects can be used to explore the impact of time and aging on our understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Through each work, many of which were created over the course of multiple years, or returned to after a duration of time, Aldrich provides a rich visual representation of the evolution of objects how, as we age and change, our conception of the things close to us is altered as well. This notion is reflected in his works, which, even when finished, evince a sense of continuous becoming, suggesting the possibility of future growth and change.

Eschewing a particular art-historical definition of or vantage point from which to view his art, Aldrich sees his artistic practice as a constantly evolving force. Taken as a whole, his work defies a singular style, and in his drawings, paintings, and sculptures, Aldrich is able to move effortlessly between figuration, abstraction, and representation – often combining imagery variously inspired by people and places close to him, visual artists, writers, and musicians whom he finds interesting, and experiences drawn from his everyday life. Using a variety of techniques, such as thick and thin painting, removing portions of canvas from his work, and multi-media assemblage, Aldrich has developed an artistic style that turns away from the canonical understanding of art historically, in favor of exploring new conceptual processes through which to view the contemporary world as he sees it.

The works on view represent the broad spectrum of Aldrich's practice and, when taken together, read as a microcosm that encapsulates a series of moments caught in time. Among the works on view will be *Untitled*, a painting that is composed of a trilogy of novels from the Cyberpunk role-playing game universe *Shadowrun*, suspended from the canvas in mid-air, and the drawing *One Kind of Sleight of Hand*, which features the transparency that was used to create the painting *Two bodies as One* that was shown at the gallery in 2009. Among the works on view at Gladstone gallery will be *Reality Painting #6 (A Wall in My Bedroom)* part of Aldrich's 'Reality Painting Series,' a body of work that playfully adopts the art-historical idea of a series as a way to organize ideas, and which depicts scenes from Aldrich's everyday life.

Aldrich was born in Hampton, Virginia, and currently lives and works in New York. He has been the subject of solo exhibitions at: San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, and the Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri. He has also been included in group exhibitions at notable institutions including: Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas; Tokyo City Opera, Tokyo; Centro Galego de Arte Contemporánea, Santiago de Compostela, Spain; and Whitney Museum of American Art, New York.