## Joshua Abelow OH! ABELOW January 13 - February 13, 2011 Opening January 13, 6 - 8pm

## Great Job 11/2010 Joshua Abelow

Ten years ago I went to Washington DC to see an exhibit by an artist named Gober at a fancy museum.

I went in and said to myself, "It looks great."

Oddly enough, I was recently offered a job painting the vestibule at Gober's place in the East Village.

Five hours into it Gober came out.

He said, "Did you paint these walls?"

I said, "Yes."

He said, "It looks great."



"Call Me Abstract," 2010, oil on linen, 30 x 24 inches

James Fuentes LLC is pleased to announce Joshua Abelow's forthcoming solo exhibition featuring paintings and works on paper entitled; OH! ABELOW.

Abelow's work is a disciplined exploration into the life, meaning and symbols of a painter. His paintings exercise autobiography, color, rigid geometric abstraction, text and expressive figuration. The works on paper are self-portraits that mock a perverse persona of himself as a painter.

Not to be overlooked is Abelow's activity as a writer and blogger. His poetry conveys an up to date story of his life and work. ART BLOG ART BLOG, updated on an almost daily basis, offers a meticulously curated selection of artwork and images, links and text - this activity is reflective of a significant paradigm shift for visual culture today.

Through the use of syntax, poetics, autobiography and cataloging Abelow is creating works that are a part of a deep and seemingly infinite exploration.

Joshua Abelow was born in Frederick, Maryland in 1976. He received his BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1998 and his MFA from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 2008. Recent residencies include; The Banff Center, Alberta, Canada (2009) and the Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT (2010). Solo exhibitions have been held at; Branch Gallery, Durham, NC and PM Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, a two-person exhibition with Tisch Abelow was held at Grizzly Grizzly, Philadelphia, PA. Recent group exhibitions include; "Power to the People" Feature Inc. New York, NY, "PAPER! AWESOME!," Baer Ridgway Exhibitions, SF, "Exit Light," Reference, Richmond, VA, "Anti-Anti/Non-Non," Hal Bromm. Abelow lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

Artist website: <u>http://www.joshuaabelow.com/</u> Artist blog: <u>http://joshuaabelow.blogspot.com/</u>

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\*Gallery Hours: Wednedsay - Sunday, 11am - 6pm \*The gallery is currently open by appointment, gallery hours will resume January 14, 2010