



Released in 1969, ***Songs from a Room*** was Leonard Cohen's seminal second album; it's also the title of New York-based artist **Joshua Abelow's** first solo exhibition at **devening projects + editions**. Cohen's release set the stage for a long career as a poet, lyricist and vocalist with a sound and attitude that was spare and circumscribed. Like the songs on this album, Abelow's paintings have a similar quality of efficiency and use a melodic thread as the foundation for cutting subject matter. At the root of Abelow's modestly scaled paintings is a prodigious, career-long reconsideration of Modernist idioms. Filtered through a lens of wry self-deprecation, these tough canvases are produced with highly specific chromatic systems and suggest a historical reverence to artists as diverse as William Copley, Francis Picabia and Rene Magritte (particularly works from his Vache period). We are very pleased to show Joshua's work at this important time in his career; please join us for the opening on **Sunday, January 29 from 4 - 7 pm**.

[Joshua Abelow](#) has been exhibiting in the United States, Europe, and Canada since the early 2000s. He has had solo shows in New York at James Fuentes LLC and Tomorrow Gallery in Toronto. Abelow has an upcoming solo exhibition at Sorry We're Closed in Brussels and will be featured in a solo presentation with James Fuentes at the inaugural Frieze, New York, in May of 2012.

Abelow earned his BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1998, and his MFA from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 2008. He has participated in residencies at the Vermont Studio Center (Johnson, Vermont), the Banff Center (Alberta, Canada), and at Takt Kunstprojectraum (Berlin, Germany). Abelow is represented by James Fuentes Gallery in New York City. You can find Abelow's blog online at [ART BLOG ART BLOG](#).

On the occasion of his exhibition, [devening editions](#) has published ***Songs from a Room***, a new print by **Joshua Abelow**. Measuring 22 x 16 inches, ***Songs from a Room*** is an archival pigment print and silkscreen, limited to 20 impressions (+ 2 APs) and sells for \$125.

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