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***Joshua Abelow: 2022*** - Joshua Abelow

@ Apartment 13 Gallery

Press Release:

The lease of the current space for the last several years has been handed down by previous tenants directly to their friends or acquaintances, not having a chance to move to the market as a listing. Certain details like furniture have also been inherited through generations of lease transferring. When Josh came with Ted Gahl to the space to drop the work off, Josh commented on how ugly the green rug in the room was. That rug came with the room. There's an accompanying patch of Astroturf in the bedroom that has been there for a while too. Both this rug and Astroturf cover haphazardly fastened chipboard panels that may have been installed from previous fixes to the unit. What was ultimately decided was that we would leave the rug in the space through final install and see if it would still make sense there afterward. Both the rug and the pink wall that the paintings are hung from do a lot for the framing of Josh's work. The rug is an artifact of the space, carrying the dirt of an unknown amount of tenants, and the pink wall is the exact color used in the Apartment 13 website directory for mobile. These conceptual decisions are paired with the Rorschach's, pixels and horizon lines present in the six paintings. The downtown Providence skyline outside the window of the space still reveals a lot through all of this, we are very pleased to have this show.

The exhibition at Apartment 13 opens in concurrence with solo and two-person exhibitions at five venues this spring. Each exhibition will present a unique facet of the

artist's work, providing a comprehensive showcase of Abelow's multivalent and deeply collaborative practice.

***Zoom***, JIR SANDEL, Copenhagen: March 27 - April 17

***Joshua Abelow: 1982 - 2022***, Baader-Meinhof, Omaha: April 8 - May 27

***Joshua Abelow featuring Joshua Boulos***, A.D. NYC, New York: April 8 - May 14

***Joshua Abelow: 2022***, Apartment 13, Providence: April 9 - May 10

***Anti-Magic (with Dani Arnica)***, Et al., San Francisco: April 15 - May 21

**Joshua Abelow** (b. 1976, Frederick, MD) earned his MFA from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 2008 and his BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1998. Recent exhibitions were held at Jir Sandel, Copenhagen, DK; Anthony Greaney, Somerville, MA; Magenta Plains, New York, NY; Sydney, Sydney, AU; Apartment 13, Providence, RI; Harkawik, Los Angeles, CA; Et al. San Francisco, CA; James Fuentes, New York, NY and Halsey McKay, East Hampton, NY.