

Simo Bacar

Morten Knudsen

*Songs for the Promise Keeper*

June 3 – July 2, 2022

Simo Bacar is delighted to present *Songs for the Promise Keeper*, a solo exhibition by the Danish artist Morten Knudsen.

*Study study multiply*

*People planet profit and sticky eyes*

*Working inside the mouth of a beast*

*Dragging around a wordless elegy for E*

Morten Knudsen (b. 1985 Ansager, DK) studied at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts Copenhagen, and Hochschule für bildende Künste Hamburg (class of Jutta Köether). Recent exhibitions include: “Six days, and six nights” at Huset for Kunst og Design Holstebro (2022), “Danish Art Now” at The National Gallery of Denmark (2020), “Himmelskibet” at Christian Andersen Gallery Copenhagen (2020), “Architecture Now” at La Cucina Copenhagen (2020). In 2018 the artist received Niels Wessel Bagges honorary scholarship, and The 15th June foundation’s Honorary Award. His works are held in the public collections of the National Gallery of Denmark, New Carlsberg Foundation, among others. Knudsen lives and works in Copenhagen.

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#### Image Checklist

1. Morten Knudsen, *Songs for the Promise Keeper*, installation view. Courtesy of the artist and Simo Bacar
2. Morten Knudsen, *Songs for the Promise Keeper*, installation view. Courtesy of the artist and Simo Bacar
3. Morten Knudsen, *Time is not your friend, and grey is the color of doubt*, 2020/2022, Oil and paraffin wax on canvas, 25.5 x 31 cm (10 3/64 x 12 13/64 in)
4. Morten Knudsen, *Songs for the Promise Keeper*, installation view. Courtesy of the artist and Simo Bacar
5. Morten Knudsen, *Mr Pocket*, 2022, Oil and paraffin wax on canvas, 41 x 45 cm (16 9/64 x 17 23/32 in)
6. Morten Knudsen, *Lip syncer*, 2022, Oil and paraffin wax on canvas, 30 x 33 cm (11 13/16 x 12 63/64 in)
7. Morten Knudsen, *Kids*, 2022, Oil and paraffin wax on canvas, 40 x 41 cm (15 3/4 x 16 9/64 in)
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