

GEORGIA GARDNER GRAY
He Bombs

September 24 – October 29, 2023

He walks up on the stage. Littered applause jangles the club like a tab dropped in an empty beer can. He is handed the mic, the grip is sweaty. 'Sweaty psalms' he thinks to himself- 'Ha. Ha. You fucking idiot.' He holds the mic up to his mouth, the mesh is still wet from the other guy's spit. He starts riffing. He has some new material that he is not sure of. No one is laughing. Well, there are snickers- but not at his jokes. The panic starts to hiccup. He is retreating into his head. The dim orange room snaps into tunnel vision.

I am a worm, not a man.

These people despise me.

They are laughing at me with scorn

Gaping on me with their open mouths

It is shooting out of their lips.

My God, My God

I am pouring out like water.....I think my sockets are disjuncting

My heart is melting down like wax between my bowels.

Tell it to every last bone: they are looking, they are staring at me!

They are betting on my corpse

Oh God, my tongue is like a broken shard

It's jabbing up the sides of my mouth

Oh God, hold me up!

My strength is shot

It is piercing out of my hands and feet

The rest of the set tumbles out of his dry mouth, ashy and caked. The bombs detonate around him as he leaves the stage to go get a drink.

Georgia Gardner Gray lives and works in New York. Recent solo exhibitions include *Travellers* at Gaylord Apartments, Los Angeles (2023); *NDE* at Sadie Coles HQ, London (2022); Adler Beatty, New York; *The Downer*, Berlin; *Buddha Bless This Show*, Croy Nielsen, Vienna (2019); *Kunsthalle Lingen* (2018). She has participated in group shows at Francis Irv, New York (2023); *Capitain Petzel*, Berlin; *Sadie Coles HQ*, London (2021); *Kunsthalle, Bern* (2021); *Tallinn Art Hall*, Tallinn (2019). She was awarded the *Lingen Art Prize* in 2018.

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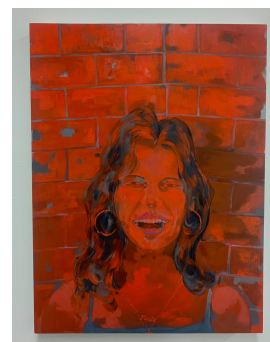
Georgia Gardner Gray

Maria With the Orange Face

2023

oil on canvas

61 x 46 cm; 24 x 18 1/8 in



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Flagellation

2023

oil on canvas

195 x 163 cm; 76 3/4 x 64 1/8 in



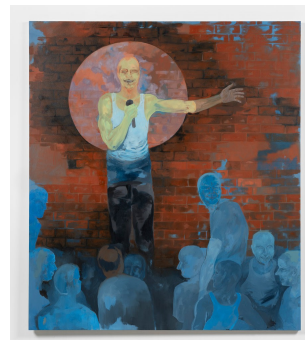
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Crucified Out There

2023

oil on canvas

203 x 173 cm; 79 7/8 x 68 1/8 in



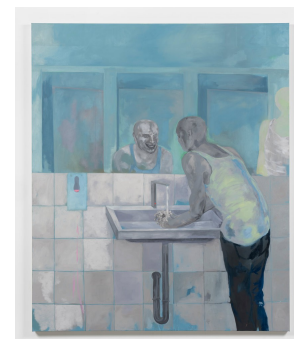
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Washing Hands

2023

oil on canvas

195 x 163 cm; 76 3/4 x 64 1/8 in



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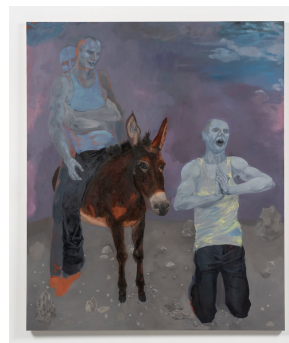
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Escaping the City

2023

oil on canvas

195 x 163 cm; 76 3/4 x 64 1/8 in



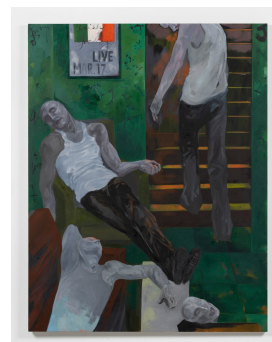
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Greenroom (Resurrection)

2023

oil on canvas

199 x 152 cm; 78 3/8 x 59 7/8 in



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He Learns to Walk

2023

oil on canvas

106 x 76 cm; 41 3/4 x 29 7/8 in



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Deposed

2023

oil on canvas

203 x 173 cm; 79 7/8 x 68 1/8 in

