

The Green gallery is pleased to announce *Moreover: 50 Paintings*, a survey exhibition of fifty paintings by fifty artists curated by Michelle Grabner. The exhibition is presented in three consecutive presentations opening Saturday, March 9th. An exhibition catalog will be forthcoming.

*Moreover: 50 Paintings* is the sister exhibition to the Milwaukee Art Museum's, *50 Paintings*, contemporaneous exhibitions that together feature the work of one-hundred artists. Organized as a 'survey,' *Moreover* too celebrates contemporary painting's pluralistic leanings while furthering comparative analysis in the visual language.

The curatorial field from which the paintings are selected draw from a concentrated Midwestern geography. While regionality is not on view, the works included in the exhibition esteem painting as a form of visual power: an elaboration of meaning and a force upon the world.

Painting's many operations are on display: ambiguity, complexity, paradox, unity, emotionality, impressionism, narration, and subjectivity are ceaselessly negotiated with painting's visual elements and design principles. Histories, styles, genres, and painting's competencies abound. The exhibition's openness can be embraced as a celebration of artistic independence and determination but also as a demonstration of painting's imprudence and cultural influence.

Finally *Moreover*, like *50 Paintings* asks us to consider not just 'what we feel' about paintings, but which painting's 'we feel with.' A survey of this much material demands slow and repeated evaluation from its viewers. Yet the exhibition's individual paintings must also create attachments in its viewers, bonds that "passionately link us to an array of ethical, political, intellectual or other bonds," as literary critic Rita Felski suggests.

Michelle Grabner, curator

[Moreover: 50 Paintings, pt 1](#)

March 8 - April 6, 2024

*featuring:* Alice Tippit, Gianna Commito, James Benjamin Franklin, Judith Geichman, Keith Jackson, Katherine Bernhardt, Laura Lisbon, Leah Ke Yi Zheng, Leslie Vansen, Mari Eastman, Mike Paré, Patrick Chamberlain, Paul Heyer, Paula Kamps, Scott Reeder, Scott Wolniak, Tracy Cirves