

The Green Gallery

1500 N Farwell Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53202

SPENCER SWEENEY *NUDES*

Preview: Friday, July 8, 7 - 9 PM

Public Reception: Saturday, July 9, 6 - 9 PM

Exhibition: July 9th - August 2011



Please join The Green Gallery in welcoming New York based artist Spencer Sweeney this Friday, July 8th from 7-9 pm. This is an intimate opportunity to meet Spencer and to get a preview of his newest painting series before the public launch of his show on Saturday, July 9th. Refreshments and cocktails will be provided.

Sweeney's multifaceted persona is constituted by his roles as artist, club owner and musician. Eluding an easily identifiable style Sweeney's paintings reflect the diversity of his influences and roles. His colorful collaged paintings, self-portraits and cartoonish drawings both derive from and create his public persona in a way that is reminiscent of artists such as Martin Kippenberger and Francis Picabia. Sweeney's practice transcends the idea that the artist's proper realm is subjugated to the space of the gallery.

Sweeney's new series at The Green Gallery are large scale black and white gesso paintings on linen. Sweeney builds the silhouetted forms with a brush and then adds detail by scratching into the wet paint with his fingers. The result produces a gestural distortion of the human form harking to styles of Matisse and Picasso. Themes include pizza god, soccer fan, nude figure and others.

Spencer Sweeney was born in Philadelphia in 1973 and is currently living in New York. Recent exhibitions include Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York; The Modern Institute, Glasgow; Teatr Laboratorium, Berlin; and Jack Hanley Gallery, San Francisco. Sweeney was included in "That Was Then...This Is Now" at PS1 Contemporary Art Center in 2008, and he participated in "Day for Night", the 2006 Whitney Biennial.

Links:

http://whitney.org/www/2006biennial/artists.php?artist=Sweeney_Spencer

<http://www.artinamericamagazine.com/news-opinion/conversations/2010-01-13/spencer-sweeney/>

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