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American artist Malcolm Liepke was born in 1953 and raised in Minneapolis. He is an experienced, mid-career painter who has exhibited all over the world; his work is represented in numerous private and public collections. Continuing a fruitful professional relationship, Pontone Gallery is proud to present his new paintings, which further investigate and articulate his sensuous images of male and female models.

He is a painter of a particular world, a 'demi-monde', inhabited by mostly young and attractive subjects, who project an air of self-absorption and watchfulness. Isolated figures pose with an almost insolent self-regard, others appear more vulnerable, as if exhausted by the rigours of a dissolute life. Particularly of note are the group compositions, where his subjects interact, evoking tender and sensual feelings, modifying the potential solipsism of their characters. Genuine emotion is on display in a world of mutual grooming and self-presentation.

Liepke paints with an assured, expressive and fluent handling of his medium. His frank enjoyment of the texture of male and female flesh is fully embodied in the rich and luscious quality of the oil. Thick, clotted and sticky passages contrast with slick, fluid glazes. Cream-like paint is laid down in planes of acidic, pastel hues of greens, blues, pinks, purples and oranges, making dramatic contrast with descriptive areas of pale skin-tones. His responsive manipulation of the brush and medium subtly reacts to the contour and surface of the subject, articulating a world of sensation.

The compositions speak of an interior, artificially-lit, urban world: a locale of bars, nightclubs, studios and house-parties. There is an accompanying sense of erotic intoxication. This is a milieu familiar to us from the paintings of Degas, Toulouse-Lautrec, Manet, Hopper, Sargent and many others. Liepke, painting his contemporary cast of provocative characters, makes a connection with the past and presents us with an archetypal portrait. The inhabitants of this 'bohemian' world are as serious and worthy of study as anyone.

Green Dress

2017

Oil on Canvas

40 x 38 cm (16 x 15 in)



Grey Coat
2017
Oil on Canvas
36 x 23 cm (14 x 9 in)

Balloons
2017
Oil on Canvas
71 x 61 cm (28 x 24 in)









Party Hats
2017
Oil on Canvas
56 x 46 cm (22 x 18 in)

Young Girl
2017
Oil on Canvas
20 x 30 cm (8 x 12 in)



Two Friends
2017
Oil on Canvas
25 x 36 cm (10 x 14 in)

At the Bar
2017
Oil on Canvas
76 x 51 cm (30 x 20 in)







Turned Away (triptych)
2017
Oil on Canvas
51 x 122 cm (20 x 48 in)





Party's Over
2017
Oil on Canvas
53 x 76 cm (21 x 30 in)





Resting
2017
Oil on Canvas
30 x 30 cm (12 x 12 in)



Dance Club
2017
Oil on Canvas
76 x 56 cm (30 x 22 in)



Squished
2017
Oil on Canvas
25 x 20 cm (10 x 8 in)

Biker Girl
2017
Oil on Canvas
132 x 102 cm (52 x 40 in)







In Her Arms
2017
Oil on Canvas
61 x 51 cm (24 x 20 in)

Kissing Couple
2017
Oil on Canvas
25 x 25 cm (10 x 10 in)



End of the Night

2017

Oil on Canvas

51 x 51 cm (20 x 20 in)



Blue Dress
2017
Oil on Canvas
41 x 30 cm (16 x 12 in)



Couple in Bed
2017
Oil on Canvas
58 x 46 cm (23 x 18 in)

Big Red Hair
2017
Oil on Canvas
36 x 25 cm (14 x 10 in)



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Dreaming
2017
Oil on Canvas
56 x 46 cm (22 x 18 in)

Tilted Head
2017
Oil on Canvas
25 x 20 cm (10 x 8 in)





Twisted
2017
Oil on Canvas
58.5 x 38 cm (23 x 15 in)

In the Bath
2017
Oil on Canvas
51 x 76 cm (20 x 30 in)

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Born in Minneapolis, USA in 1953

EDUCATION

Art Center – Pasadena, California, 1973-1975

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 Pontone Gallery, London
- 2014 Arcadia Fine Arts, New York, NY
Nikola Rukaj Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2013 Albemarle Gallery, London
- 2012 Arcadia Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2010 Albemarle Gallery, London
"Desire" Arcadia Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2009 "About Face" Arcadia Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2008 "A New Direction" Arcadia Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2007 Arcadia Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2006 Track 16 Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2005 Arcadia Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2004 Arcadia Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2003 Arcadia Fine Arts, New York, NY
Buschlen Mowatt Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2002 Arcadia Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2001 DNFA Gallery, Pasadena, CA
Eleanor Ettinger Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 Mendenhall Gallery, Pasadena, CA
Eleanor Ettinger Gallery, New York, NY
Albemarle Gallery, London
- 1999 Mendenhall Gallery, Pasadena, CA
Eleanor Ettinger Gallery, New York, NY
Albemarle Gallery, London
- 1998 Eleanor Ettinger Gallery, New York, NY
Albemarle Gallery, London

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- ABC Television
- AT&T
- Atlantic Records
- Brooklyn Museum of Art, NY
- CBS Records
- Ms. Iris Cantor, New York, NY
- Forbes Magazine
- Fortune Magazine
- H.J. Heinz Corporation
- Ms. Donna Karan, New York, NY
- Mr. Ralph Lauren, New York, NY
- Mobil Oil Corporation
- National Academy of Design
- National Museum of Sport
- Newsweek Magazine
- Smithsonian Museum of American Art
- Sports Illustrated Magazine
- Ms. Barbra Streisand, Los Angeles, CA
- Time Magazine



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