

## GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

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# DEREK BUCKNER

APRIL 30 - MAY 25, 2019

George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce Derek Buckner and his new paintings at the New York location. This exhibition will run from **April 30 - May 25, 2019**. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on **Thursday, May 2nd** from 6 - 8 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 - 6pm.

Born in 1970, Derek Buckner lives in Brooklyn, NY, with his wife, novelist Joanna Hershon, their twin sons and daughter. The artist graduated from LaGuardia High School of Music and Art, as well as Vassar College, The Art Students League of New York and received a B.F.A. from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago.



*Snow Cover Evening Light, oil on linen, 30x40"*

During his career, Buckner has discovered many different themes, but the one to which he has most often returned is the urban landscape. In these paintings, he allows the viewer a distinctive look into his everyday surroundings, often including factory rooftops, bridges and the rapidly changing Gowanus Canal.



*Gowanus Canal Clearing Storm, oil on canvas, 30x40"*

In Derek Buckner's most recent series of oil and watercolor paintings, the vibrant palate and shock of light lend his subject matter an elegant intensity. Buildings and factories appear not only as elements of industrial Brooklyn but also as blocks of pure color. "For me," the artist states, "painting is not about inventing something new but instead it's the act of seeing and considering my world from new perspectives. A painting, unlike a photograph, does not represent a moment in time, but is itself a collection of memories and decisions—an artifact of an experience." Buckner's goal is not to copy what he sees but to provoke his own visual curiosity and excitement in the viewer.

The George Billis Gallery marks its 21st year in the Chelsea Art District and its sister gallery is located in the burgeoning gallery district of Culver City in Los Angeles. For more information, please contact the gallery via e-mail at [gALLERY@georgebillis.com](mailto:gALLERY@georgebillis.com) or visit our website at [www.georgebillis.com](http://www.georgebillis.com).

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