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GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

Craig Carlisle

November 6 - December 8, 2018



The Daydreamers, oil on canvas, 20" x 32"

George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce Craig Carlisle and his latest work at the New York location. This exhibition will run from November 6 through December 8, 2018. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on Thursday, November 8, from 6-8pm.

The idea of meditation and contemplation play a major role in the paintings of artist Craig Carlisle. His paintings articulate indelible images which evoke an emotional response from the viewer. The series of Big Heads are generally large canvas's deliberately created on a scale that will empower a room. Each expression Carlisle creates in his paintings are meant to pull from one's subconscious. The Big Head is typically anonymous, and

always genderless, almost child-like. Carlisle opts to place the focus for the viewer on the expression of each Big Head, thus eliminating the personal style we create for ourselves with hair or fashion. "I never use humans as reference for my paintings, instead I create fictitious characters. Through these, I channel the emotions each of us experience in our daily lives." says Carlisle. Carlisle's series of Big Head paintings he created in the early to mid 90's helped him become a deeply respected artist who is an original visionary. Though the Heads have seen many expressions and stylistic changes over the past two decades, they remain unique and highly sought after by art collectors.

His landscape series equally matches that of the Big Heads in vibrancy, intensity, color, form and emotional depth. The perspective the artist uses with each landscape allows the viewer to feel as if they are standing within the space he has created. The plants, flowers, and all organic imagery Carlisle paints comes from his imagination with the intent of creating congruency with the viewer.



Lake Wildflower, oil on Canvas, 18"x24"

The George Billis Gallery marks its 22nd 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 galler@georgebillis.com or visit our website at www.georgebillis.com

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