Colour, Order, System

23 June-28 July 2017

Sue Kennington Fiona Grady Roland Hicks Richer Culver







Private View Thursday 22nd June 6-9pm



Coty, 2017 Sue Kennington oil and egg tempera on linen 35 × 35 cm



Fell, 2017 Sue Kennington Oil on linen 33×18 cm



Musk, 2017 Sue Kennington Oil on linen 33×18 cm



Angelika, 2016 Sue Kennington Oil on linen 25 × 12.5 cm



Aleppo, 2017 Sue Kennington Oil on linen 18×15 cm



Dirt Candy, 2016 Sue Kennington Oil on linen 12.5 × 25 cm



Ice Slip, 2016 Sue Kennington Oil on linen 35 × 25 cm



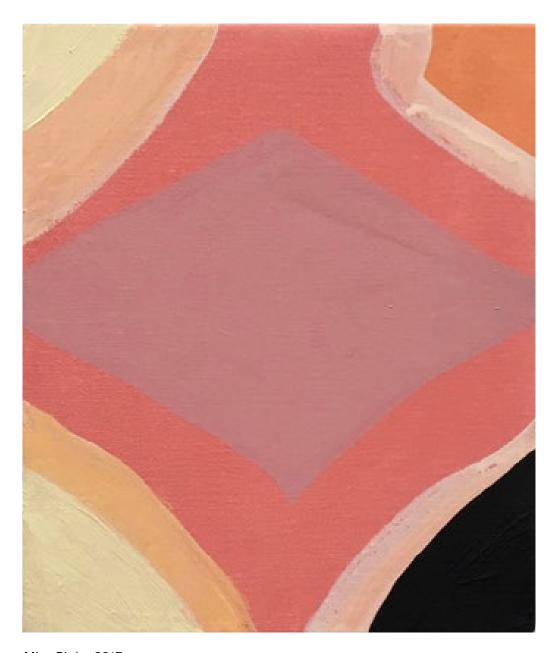
Little Vespa, 2015 Sue Kennington Oil on linen 30 × 25 cm



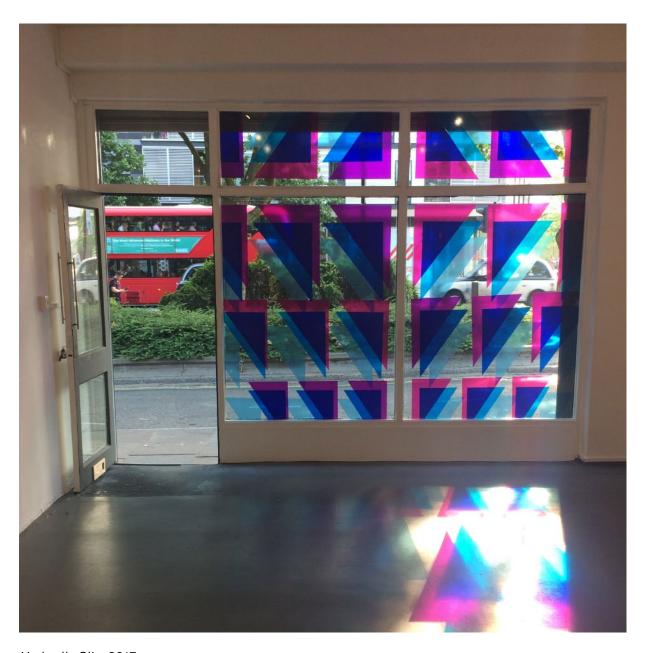
Citrus Thighs, 2017 Sue Kennington Oil on linen 80 × 86 cm



Snow White, 2016 Sue Kennington Oil on linen 12.5 × 25 cm



Miss Pinky, 2017 Sue Kennington Oil and egg tempera on linen 18×15 cm



Umbrella Slip, 2017 Fiona Grady Site specific vinyl window drawing Dimensions vary



OSB 30 (Our shoulders brushed), 2017 Roland Hicks Gouache, coloured pencil, coloured paper, card, plywood, polymer clay 21 × 13 × 18 cm



Chipboard 1, 2015 Roland Hicks Oil on paper mounted on board 28 × 18 cm



OSB 4, 2015 Roland Hicks Oil on gesso panel 35 × 25 cm



OSB 12 (On southern beaches), 2017 Roland Hicks Gouache, coloured pencil, coloured paper on gesso panel 23 × 30 cm



OSB 10 (Our story begins), 2017 Roland Hicks Gouache, coloured pencil, coloured paper on plywood panel 20×15 cm



OSB 18 (Observe some banality), 2017 Roland Hicks Gouache, coloured pencil, coloured paper on plywood panel 20×15 cm



OSB 19 (Obvious, straightforward, blatant), 2017 Roland Hicks Gouache, coloured pencil, coloured paper on plywood panel 20×15 cm



OSB 20 (On seeing blossom), 2017 Roland Hicks Gouache, coloured pencil, coloured paper on plywood panel 20 × 15 cm



OSB 28 (Overcome some barriers), 2017 Roland Hicks Gouache, coloured pencil, coloured paper on plywood panel 25 × 25 cm



No one knows me like Dawn from the job centre, 2017 Richie Culver Acrylic, lacquer & polycell on canvas 152×122 cm



Beginners luck, 2017 Richie Culver Acrylic, lacquer & polycell on canvas 152 × 122 cm



Y. T. S, 2017 Richie Culver Acrylic, lacquer & polycell on canvas 152 × 122 cm



Late night fruit van, 2016 Richie Culver Acrylic & lacquer on canvas 152 × 122 cm



Get a trade to fall back on, 2017 Richie Culver Acrylic, lacquer & polycell on canvas 152 × 122 cm



Betterer, 2017 Richie Culver Acrylic and glassbead on canvas 30 × 20 cm



For betterer or worserer, 2017 Richie Culver Acrylic and glassbead on canvas  $30 \times 20$  cm



Strong formation, 2017 Richie Culver Acrylic and glassbead on canvas 30 × 20 cm



No subs, 2017 Richie Culver Acrylic and glassbead on canvas  $30 \times 20 \text{ cm}$ 

Press Release

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Roland Hicks and Richie Culver

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Sid Motion Gallery is pleased to present *Colour, Order, System*, a group exhibition which includes the work of four artists: new paintings by *Sue Kennington* and *Richie Culver*, a specially commissioned window piece by *Fiona Grady*, and paintings and sculpture by *Roland Hicks*.

The exhibition brings together artists who favour colour, form, light and composition in their practice. Beyond their exploration of colour, each artist presents works within the conceptual knowledge of the "real" or a grid or system – yet it is the introduction of chaos to those structures that allows each to achieve their vision.

Sue Kennington's small, powerful paintings reach for the limits and possibilities of how colour can be used as an emotive visual. Using esoteric systems, repetitions and asymmetries, she emphasises colour juxtaposition as an agent of light – as well as encounters between rational and intuitive thinking, acknowledging the connectedness between artist and environment, rural and urban, system and chaos.

Richie Culver has an exploratory and improvisational approach to tensions between cultural and social opposites: provincial vs. cosmopolitan; cash-strapped vs. affluent; art museum highs vs. street-cultural lows. His primitively executed paintings delve into surfaces and textures, using everyday materials. While new paintings are on show here, his work can range from gritty documentary photography to text-based works and sculpture.

Fiona Grady creates large site-responsive drawings in space, most often on walls, windows and floors, using sequences of geometric shapes and grids. These spatial systems are composed from repetitions that expand in proportion and direction, recognizing the relationship between architecture, installation art and decoration. Works on paper compliment her site-specific drawings.

Roland Hicks' hyperreal works are an amalgamation of paintings, collage, sculpture and trompe l'oeil reliefs. Concerned with both the beautiful and banal, his works infuse dualities; sincere yet playful, abstract yet figurative/photographic, simulated and genuine. While referencing masters of art history, he introduces an element of absurdity, yet his resolutions are simple, vibrant studies of colour, material and surface.

Sue Kennington (b. 1955) studied at Goldsmiths' College (MFA, 2002) and Chelsea College of Art (BA, 1994). She lives and works in San Giovanni d'Asso and Rome, Italy, and exhibits regularly in both Italy and the UK. In 1996 her work featured in NewContemporaries at the Tate Liverpool and the Camden Arts Centre, London. Recent exhibitions include; Sue Kennington, Magazine dell'Arte Contemporanea, Sicily, Frame Structure Galleria La Veronica, Modica, Sicily, Glimpse, Golborne Gallery, London and Imperfect Reverse, Camberwell Space, London. She recently completed a Visiting Artist Residency at the American Academy in Rome.

Richie Culver (b. 1979) has exhibited extensively internationally. Recent solo shows include *Things* that never really worked out – Most things, Protein Gallery, London (2016), An untitled do, 86 Torstrasse, Berlin (2014), The Four Letter Word, Skur 2, Stavanger, Norway (2013) and Too Dark One Light, LN-CC, London, (2012). He has featured in group shows in Lebanon, Kazakhstan, New York, Sydney, Munich and at the *Museum of Everything* at Tate Modern.

Fiona Grady (b. 1984) studied BA Fine Art at the University of Wales Institute in Cardiff (2004–2007) and MA Fine Art at Wimbledon School of Art (2010–2011). Her public commissions include Deptford Rail Station and Leeds Town Hall. Highlights of 2016 include Arts Council funded commissions by Gerald Moore Gallery, the Prison Drawing Project in Scarborough Old Town Prison and a solo residency at The Art House, Wakefield. Later this year she will have a solo exhibition at Ad Hoc in Germany plus participation in a drawing exhibition at Wimbledon Space and a solo exhibition for Coventry Biennial.

Roland Hicks (b. 1967) studied at Winchester School of Art and Slade School of Fine Art. Recent shows include OSB – Of Spaces Between, Mrs Rick's Cupboard, Nottingham (solo, 2017), Desktop, ArtKapsule, London (2017), RA Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London (2016), The Garden of Forking Paths, Lewisham ArtHouse, London (2016), Jerwood Drawing Prize, London (2015/16) and The Gathering Things, Eleven Fine Art, London (solo 2013). Later this year he will curate a group show at the Kurt Schwitters Merzbarn in Elterwater, followed by a residency and solo show. At the same time as Colour, Order, System, Hicks will exhibit work at dalla Rosa Gallery, London, in the group show CROSS SECTION/04.