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Press Release:

Stuart Shils

paintings and stage sets

an astronomer up late in her observatory

Feb 13 – March 24, 2019

Opening reception: Wednesday, February 13, 6- 8pm



Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects presents our fourth exhibition of work by Stuart Shils titled, *an astronomer up late in her observatory*. Shils's new works are paper-paintings made with collage along with several stage-set sculptures involving figuration and mythology.

For decades, Shils has been a devoted naturalistically oriented outdoor painter, looking 'out there' and exploring the appearance of things with paint on paper and panels. He worked on the street in Philadelphia and for many years, in Ballycastle on the northwest coast of County Mayo, Ireland and Italy for a cluster of summers.

More recently his gaze has turned inward and the landscape now reveals itself differently, more as evolving, sedimentary aggregate, an improvisational narrative rooted in the emotion of memory, fading and also recently hatched dreams, reflections on pieces of history and the residual traces of words from literature.

Two trips to Greece this past year opened huge imaginative windows in many directions. Shils teaches at PAFA in Philadelphia and at various venues around the country.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a small book, "*an astronomer up late in her observatory*," which offers visual glimpses into some background for the paintings and collages.

There will be an accompanying installation of paintings by Seymour Chwast, Robert Rauschenberg, Robert Rauschenberg, Robert Rauschenberg, Edwin Dickinson, Paul Resika and E.M. Saniga in the rear gallery.

Please contact Lauren Fowler at the gallery at lauren@shfap.com or call 917-861-7312 for more information or images.

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