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Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects presents *paintings* an exhibition in our rear gallery by Beaux Mendes (b. 1987) and Silas Borsos (b. 1989). Both of their works engage with landscape and the experience of it by the viewer. These artists work paint in plein air, which starts the process of painting outdoors and from real life observation. Mendes and Borsos have stated the following about their technique: “Our interest in plein air painting derives from a mutual feeling that the painting produced through such sustained interaction with a site, is not, in the end, a depiction of that place, but an object marked by it.” Their paintings are intimately intertwined with their locations, as if they are relics. Each of their works is in conversation with natural spaces, and what is considered reality or artificiality within these loci.

Beaux Mendes lives and works in Los Angeles but was born in New York City. They received their MFA in Painting from the University of Los Angeles, California in 2019. Currently, they teach in the painting department at Pasadena City College. Mendes’s most recent show, *Willow Staging Area*, was featured at Stars Gallery in Los Angeles this past spring. Their abstractions are ambiguous in terms of time and location, imbued with an atmospheric tonality.

Silas Borsos graduated from the New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting, and Sculpture in 2018. He is based in Brooklyn, New York. His latest show was a joint exhibition called *All Small* at Pamela Salisbury Gallery in Hudson, New York last winter. Frequently working on cardboard, Borsos’s work contains quiet moments of reflection, as if they are being painted from a passerby. He blends thick brushwork and a soft, muted palette with impressionistic elements.

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