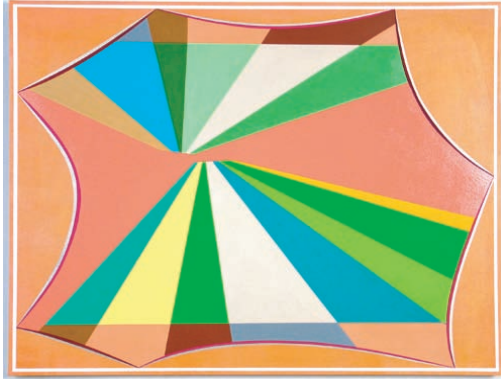


MICHAEL STEINBERG FINE ART

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Gary Petersen
Colossal Youth
November 17th - December 23rd, 2005



Outside of Tokyo, 2005
Acrylic and enamel on wood panel
24 x 30 inches

Colossal Youth, Gary Petersen's first solo exhibition in New York, will open at Michael Steinberg Fine Art on November 17th, 2005. These new oil paintings and works on paper reflect the artist's long-term exploration of the interaction between pure abstraction and spatial illusion. Brightly colored and tightly painted, the images offer alternating yet coherent readings of figure-ground relations. Outlined shapes, with stripes or bands of vibrant color within, suggest veiled or draped forms. The paintings deftly merge the synthetic and the natural. While exploring

the playful side of the "cosmic" in abstract art, they dislodge common assumptions about abstraction.

According to Mr. Petersen:

- I've always been interested in humor, and in the spiritual in previous*
- forms of abstraction; I feel these paintings reflect that. Figures, veils*
- and portals opening into other spaces are suggested in my work.*
- These paintings flirt with representation and act as a bridge between*
- the real and the imagined.*

Gary Petersen lives in Hoboken, NJ and works in New York. He received a BS from Penn State University and an MFA from the School of Visual Arts in New York. His work was in numerous group exhibitions including *Diverse Works*, Houston, TX; *Vedanta Gallery*, Chicago, IL; *The American Academy of Arts and Letters*, Nicole Klagsbrun, and *Frederieke Taylor* in New York. He had solo exhibitions with *Genovese/Sullivan Gallery* in Boston and *Fusebox* in Washington, D.C. His work is in several private and public collections including *Johnson and Johnson Corporation*, *Jersey City Museum*, and the *Zimmerli Art Museum*.

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