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Brian Rutenberg: Deeps of Peace
March 17 – April 30, 2022



Banner of the Coast (Wambaw Creek), 2021-22, oil on linen, 53 x 68 inches

New York, NY – From March 17 through April 30, 2022, Forum Gallery, New York, will present ***Deeps of Peace***, an exhibition of new paintings by Brian Rutenberg.

Color and memory combine and inspire the abstract paintings in the exhibition. While Brian Rutenberg (b. 1965) has probed and illuminated aspects of the landscape throughout his career, in ***Deeps of Peace*** he focuses on the feeling, motion and experience of his birthplace, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where the nearly pastoral beauty of the coastal lowlands meets the neon, architecture and attractions of the town itself.

Brian Rutenberg’s muscular surfaces and unique application of paint have reached a new high in the fifteen painting in ***Deeps of Peace***. The pools and rivulets, trees and structures, mangroves and riverbanks his abstractions imply, explode as they meet to form a harmonious panoply of color and movement. This phenomenon, the invigorating mix of man and nature, is the essence of the Artist’s practice:

“I am the product of one place that has two faces. Two landscapes, one natural and one artificial, collided head-on at breakneck speed, secreting a liquid that was bright and combustible. That liquid has been the jet fuel for my paintings...”

- Brian Rutenberg, 2022

Brian Rutenberg attended the College of Charleston (SC) and the School of Visual Arts (NY). A Fulbright scholar (1997), he lives in New York and both his children are enrolled in the College of Charleston. Contrasts, worlds apart and together, the palpable energy of his paintings and the inspirational qualities of the Carolina landscape are on view in each of the bold canvases that comprise ***Deeps of Peace***.

You are invited to explore our Online Viewing Room for ***Deeps of Peace*** where you can view a video created by Brian Rutenberg especially for this exhibition, read his accompanying writing and preview all fifteen new paintings. Enter the Viewing Room here:

<https://viewingroom.forumgallery.com/viewing-room/brian-rutenberg-deeps-of-peace>

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Deeps of Peace opens with a reception for the artist on Thursday, March 17, 2022 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, the artist will be present. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination and face coverings are required for admission.

Forum Gallery is located at 475 Park Avenue at 57th Street, New York, NY 10022. Forum Gallery is open to the public from Monday through Saturday, from 10am to 5:30pm. Please visit <https://www.forumgallery.com/exhibitions/brian-rutenberg-deeps-of-peace> to view the entire exhibition online. The exhibition begins on March 17, 2022 and will be on view through April 30, 2022.

Forum Gallery is pleased to greet all vaccinated visitors during our public hours, and provides hand sanitizer and face coverings, on request. We comply with New York laws and the protocols recommended by the US CDC.

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