



Ramiro Hernandez, *Alta Vista*
June 3, 2022 - July 16, 2022

Massey Klein Gallery is pleased to present *Alta Vista*, a solo exhibition of new paintings by Ramiro Hernandez. The exhibition will be on view from June 3rd through July 16th. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, June 4th from 4-7pm. This is the artist's first exhibition with the gallery. For press inquiries or questions regarding works available, please email info@masseyklein.com.

Alta Vista presents a new collection of paintings that focus on youth, beauty, aspiration and self-discovery. Hernandez presents scenes of idolized adolescence, innocent youth, dawning awareness and moments of discovery framed through a suburban lens. Having grown up in San Diego, the artist's work is influenced by the suburban and coastal landscapes of Southern California. Dominated by dusty and warm pinks, purples and grays, and iridescent smoggy blues, his paintings highlight the beauty and wonder of the area's awe-inspiring atmosphere. Though paradisiacal, Hernandez's snapshots are gently pervaded by concern and tenderly suggest elements of strangeness.

In addition to his land- and seascape paintings, the artist's work also features adolescents and interior views. His delicately veiled subjects and domestic environments are imbued with nostalgia, referencing distant echoes and dissolving memories. The subjects are subtle and faded, allowing for the viewer to overlay their own experiences and memories onto the depicted scene.

Ramiro Hernandez's paintings put the viewer into the role of voyeur - one peering into an intimate moment, catching a glimpse of an innocent scene while passing by a lamplit window or happening upon a private photograph in a forgotten drawer. When viewing these secret scenes one is certain that they are witness to a fleeting, and perhaps uncanny moment, while also left wondering if they have simply been caught in a daydream or swept away by their own forgotten memories.

Ramiro Hernandez graduated with a BFA in Painting from the California College of the Arts in San Francisco in 2010. The artist has exhibited at Bozo Mag in Los Angeles (2021), M+B Gallery (2022), Nino Mier Gallery in Los Angeles (2020), Harkawik in New York City (2022) and F2T Gallery in Milan, IT (2022). In September, the artist will be included in a group exhibition at Marinaro Gallery. The artist lives and works in Los Angeles, CA.

Massey Klein Gallery is located at 124 Forsyth St. New York, NY 10002. Gallery hours are Thursday - Sunday 12pm-5pm. To schedule a private viewing, email info@masseyklein.com.