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Galerie bertrand & gruner is pleased to present a solo show of the American artist Jack Warren.

Born in 1970, Jack Warren lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

His current work is a commentary on the boundaries of symbolic language and engages in a dialogue between found source material and the resulting painting. His working process is an evolution of multiple abstractions in which images and landscapes emerge through a history of layers, each layer representing a dynamic conversation with the predicate underlying material.

Using loose pages from found books, journals, magazines and historical files as a foundation, these drawings and paintings engage in an often random dialogue between mark-making and source material. A personal lexicon of forms interprets, reconfigures, and defaces the underlying information, creating a "border zone," where seemingly dissimilar and incongruous ideas are made to interact.

This random but methodical process evolves from abstractions of common figures, symbols and language. Warren's current paintings and drawings are maps of a dream world extracted by way of scientific process and accidental design. As experiments in incidental construction, imaginary forms emerge through a system of controlled catastrophe, in which idiosyncratic lines and random compositions outline a fragmented spectrum of potential realities. These alien landscapes, electrified portraits and distorted architectural designs represent pieces of Warren's subconscious relationship to the subject matter, invoking a sense of controlled mania and intense reorganization of undefinable elements.

This work seeks a synchronicity of indeterminacy, a broad coalescence of questions answered only by the individual interpretations of its audience.

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