

**ANTON KERN GALLERY**

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**Ellen Berkenblit**

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May 28 – July 2, 2015

May 22, 2015—Berkenblit's practice hovers between representation and abstraction, often presenting the female figure experiencing a realm of imaginative explosion and escape. Through her unpredictable application of paint, she presents private and flirtatious worlds, where girls can be ladies and ladies can be women—or somewhere in between. Her subjects capture a playful and sinister balance of eroticism and comedy—and as Carroll Dunham puts it, "now seem dangerous and slightly unhinged, hell-bent on finding action, or generating it."



Ellen Berkenblit (b.1958) lives and works in New York and has been exhibiting with solo shows since 1984. In 2014 she was awarded the Guggenheim Fellowship. Her work is in public collections such as The Museum of Modern Art, New York; Farnsworth Art Museum; Rockland; Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn; The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles.

Most recent groups exhibitions include *Eid Ma Clack Shaw*, Organized by Abby Messitte, LABspace, Great Barrington, MA (2015); *Ellen Berkenblit, Lee Maida, Tracy Miller, Derek Eller*, New York, NY (2015); *SELF: Portraits of Artists in their Absence*, curated by Filippo Fossati, National Academy Museum & School, New York, NY (2015); and *Ellen Berkenblit, Steve DiBenedetto, Philip Hanson, Barry Le Va, Albert Oehlen, Alexander Ross, Rebecca Shore, David Nolan* Gallery, New York, NY (2014). Ellen Berkenblit will also be included in the upcoming group shows *The Westreich/Wagner Collection*, Whitney Museum, New York, NY (2015), traveling to Centre Pompidou, Paris, France (2016); *Other Planes of There*, Corbett Vs. Dempsey, Chicago, IL (2015); *BODY/IMAGE*, Susan Inglett Gallery, New York, NY (2015);

The exhibition will open on Thursday, May 28, and run through Thursday, July 2, 2015. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm. For further information and images, contact the gallery at 212.367.9663 or email: [jasmin@antonkerngallery.com](mailto:jasmin@antonkerngallery.com).

**Upcoming Exhibition: Araki (July 9 – August 7, 2015)**

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