



RECESS



Opening Reception: Saturday, September 2, 2023 | 6-9 pm
(on view through September 24th)

The Art Social presents RECESS, a solo exhibition by local contemporary figurative painter **Steven Morrell**, on view through September 24, 2023. Join us for the **opening reception on Saturday, September 2 from 6 to 9 pm**.

Steve Morrell was raised outside of New York City. After receiving a bachelor's in graphic design from Long Island University, he moved into a career in advertising before returning to his original love of painting. Although Steve had been painting his whole life, he never felt comfortable with the term "artist." He felt more like a draftsman doing commissions for others. It was only after moving to Colorado that he began painting in a fine art space with a voice uniquely his own expressed in a body of figurative work.

Characterized by exaggerated brushstrokes and gestural mark-making, Steve's nude portraiture invoke intense emotion, energy, and mood. The extraction of manmade indicators such as artifacts of daily living and clothing, remove time, space and gravity from the equation, creating a timeless and sentient energy. Themes of acceptance and divine feminine expressed through the infinite shape, shadow and color of the human form, create an overall picture of spirit and vibrance.

Recess invites viewers to liberate their inner child and rekindle the spirit of joy. Play is the name of the game! From nude figures suspended in mid-air to water guns and birthday skates, Steve delivers an overarching theme of play in his most recent work characterized by movement and exuberant color. Influenced by post-impressionism, Steve's unique artist expression is rich with visceral emotions and etheric energy, transforming the darkness of his inner world into one of light and joy. It is in the joy of creation that he finds recess. And he hopes you will too!

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Steve will be in attendance at the opening reception on September 2, 2023, 6-9 pm at the gallery. The reception is free and open to the public. The exhibition is on view through September 24, 2023, by appointment. For more information, please call 917-514-2988 or email: info.artmatterscolorado@gmail.com.

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