

Louis B. James

Go Figure! – Todd Bienvenu, Canyon Castator, Jeremy Okai Davis, Nikki Katsikas and Yves Tessier, Thursday March 24 – May 1, 2016



Jeremy Okai Davis, *The Dance Party*, 2015, acrylic on canvas, 24 x 30"

Go figure

Phrase of go

1. NORTH AMERICAN *informal*

Said to express the speaker's belief that something is amazing or incredible.

Louis B. James is pleased to present *Go Figure!*, a group show featuring figurative paintings by Todd Bienvenu, Canyon Castator, Jeremy Okai Davis, Nikki Katsikas and Yves Tessier.

At first glance the work appears potentially cartoonish, a goofiness in the subject matter and style, yet something lies beneath.

Todd Bienvenu, using loose and quick brush strokes paints something of a diary, real or imagined, friends and the artist himself often serve as subject matter; Canyon Castator too mines his personal life but forgoes the typical stroke for that of a digital brush: all the work is made on an iPad.

Jeremy Okai Davis' work recalls a vintage figurative portrait. His paintings could easily be a found family snap shot or a painted memory from a holiday whereas Nikki Katsikas creates new memories, fusing together found images to create a unique mise-en-scene, sometimes leaving the figure out altogether: the viewer becomes the protagonist.

Finally Yves Tessier weaves both narratives, personal and made up, creating paintings that explore sexual desire and fantasy, leisure and community through the combination of various characters and situations.

The artists' gaze, the permission to be a voyeur: Whimsy. Danger. Sex. Fun. Go Figure!

Louis B. James is located at 143b Orchard Street, NY, NY 10002. For more information please call [212 533 4670](tel:2125334670) or email info@louisbjames.com. The gallery is open from Wednesday through Saturday, 11:00 to 6:00, and Sundays from 12:00 to 6:00.