

HUMUS

Lucas Ajemian

16 September – 4 November 2015



Laundered Painting (60" diameter), 2015
Painting on canvas, 60 inch diameter

ltd los angeles is pleased to share Lucas Ajemian's second solo exhibition with the gallery. Ajemian commingles three distinct series of works in *HUMUS*, further exploring issues of authorship, chance and the renewal and dissolution of forms and images.

First is an ensemble of humidifiers staged throughout the space (*Ground Cloud, 2015*). Embedded in each of these banal home appliances is a uniquely voiced synthesizer, responsive to the movements of visitors, as well as to shifts in the temperature and ambient light of the gallery. This environmental sculpture alters the surrounding atmospheric density. through the emission of sound and moisture,

Placed alongside each humidifier are new videos based on animated images of compost, (*Compositions I-V, 2015*), montaged with 3D models, images of the artist's studio, shop windows, and leftover clips from older and unrealized projects. The various videos oscillate between intervals of stillness and frenzied activity. Accompanied by the constantly shifting chorus of humidifiers, the output of sound and image never settles into static configuration.

The third set of works are new paintings from the series, *Laundered Paintings*, in which Ajemian takes the paintings of fellow artists, washes, crops, and re-authors them.

Throughout the exhibition elusive affinities emerge between these groups of works, as do arresting contradictions and distractions.

Ajemian recently participated in the group exhibition, *Second Chances*, at the Aspen Art Museum. Ajemian's 2014 solo exhibition, *Lucas Ajemian: Laundered Paintings*, was reviewed by Suzanne Hudson in Artforum.

Contributors include: Charles Ajemian, Alex Becerra, Julien Bismuth, Mike Bouchet, Edgar Bryan, Matthew Chambers, Anna Craycroft, Gerald Davis, Angelina Gualdon, Joanne Greenbaum, Andrew Gunther, Tim Harrington, Daniel Heidkamp, Katja Holtz, David Kerr, Dani Levine, Nate Lowman, Frank Magnotta, Keith Mayerson, Dean Monogenis, Walter Robinson, Dana Schutz, Cheyney Thompson and Anonymous.

Special thanks to Tim Harrington for the fabrication and programming of the humidifiers.