

Celebrate the New Dark Age Ben Jones

18 September – 23 October 2008

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On September 18, 2008, Ben Jones and Andreas Melas Presents will launch *Celebrate the New Dark Age* in Athens, Greece. *Celebrate the New Dark Age* is a sweeping painting, sculpture and video exploration of the search for spiritually edifying Platonic forms and ideas in a time of social tumult. Using discreet units of images and shapes, Jones has constructed a visual language that invites both participation and celebration. This language accumulates into sets of ideal formal bodies and geometries in an exuberant modernist language of color and line. In this, Jones recalls both mid-century hard edged abstraction and more contemporary figurative activities. His paintings offer a window into his oblique narratives – mysterious scenes of the literal ups and downs of daily life along with the totems we construct to help us abide. His sculptures give physical form to the totems on display in his paintings, giving physical heft to the ideas on display, as figures and forms emerge from walls, floors, and ceilings. The cinematic projections on view in the basement of AMP then make these images and figures move, giving them explicit content. The cumulative effect is a journey into a contextual place both specific to Jones and, in its social and spiritual concerns, accessible to all.

The hardcover catalogue for the exhibition, published with PictureBox, is printed in eight neon colors. *Celebrate the New Dark Age* is conceived as a traveling and evolving exhibition. It will expand and journey to other locations following its Athens launch.

This is Ben Jones' second solo exhibition. He has taken part in group exhibitions at galleries including Deitch Projects, Peres Projects, and CANADA. As part of the art collective Paper Rad he has performed and exhibited at The Museum of Modern Art, NY, The Whitney Museum of American Art, NY, The New Museum, NY, Foxy Productions, Brooklyn, NY; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; the New York Underground Film Festival; the Boston Underground Film Festival; the Big Orbit Sound Lab, Buffalo, NY; Space 1026, Philadelphia, PA; Tate Britain, and the Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, among other venues.

For additional information please contact the gallery at
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