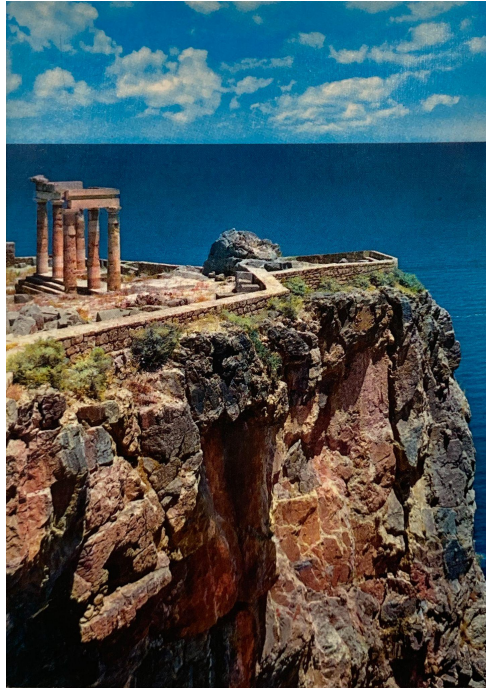


Brian Sharp: *The Wind Blew*

January 14, 2023 - February 25, 2023



The exhibition "Brian Sharp: *The Wind Blew*" opens January 14 and continues through February 25.

"Poetics," according to one old Structuralist, is largely a matter of reconciling "the pole of selection" with "the pole of combination." Some hundred years later, and operating in a far more crowded media environment, Los Angeles painter Brian Sharp has come to a similarly stark conclusion: That making art might be a matter of finding things "hidden," so to speak, in plain sight (selection) and then interpreting and presenting them in new and meaningful ways (combination). It is, of course, the very simplicity of this strategy, its obviousness and seeming passivity, that makes its successful execution so very difficult. Happily, Sharp is up to the task, as this exhibition of 22 small (8 x 8" to 20 x 16") semi-representational / semi-abstract oil on canvas paintings convincingly demonstrates. Here, Sharp's artworks "speak for themselves," albeit in a dense and demanding visual language that places the full weight of interpretive responsibility where it properly belongs, on the shoulders of a necessarily patient and discerning art audience.

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01_Abtract Landscape (after Louis
Dimitroff, B) 2022
oil on canvas
18 x 14 inches



02_Abtract Landscape (after Louis
Dimitroff, A) 2023
oil on canvas
14 x 11 inches



03_Abtract Landscape (after Louis
Dimitroff, C) 2022
oil on canvas
20 x 16 inches

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04_House Dress (window C) 2022
oil on canvas
15.5 x 12 inches



05_House Dress (window A) 2022
oil on canvas
14 x 11 inches



06_House Dress (window B) 2022
oil on canvas
11.5 x 9 inches

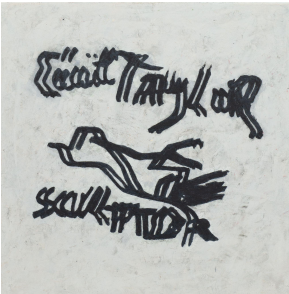
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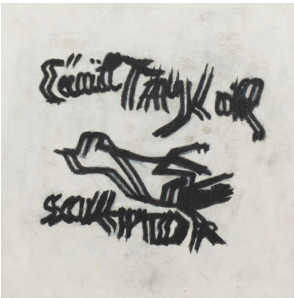
07_House Dress (window E), 2022
oil on canvas
20 x 16 inches



08_House Dress (window D) 2022
oil on canvas
18 x 14 inches

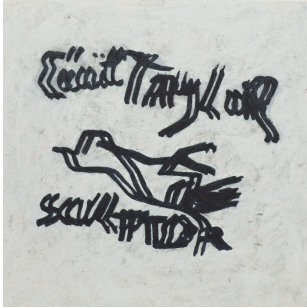


09_Sculptor (after Alain Kirili, B) 2022
oil on canvas
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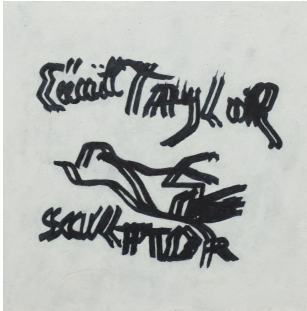


10_Sculptor (after Alain Kirili, C) 2022
oil on canvas
10 x 10 inches

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11_Sculptor (after Alain Kirili, D) 2023
oil on canvas
11 x 11 inches



12_Sculptor (after Alain Kirili, A) 2022
oil on canvas
8 x 8 inches



13_Silky Oak B, 2023
oil on canvas
15.5 x 12 inches

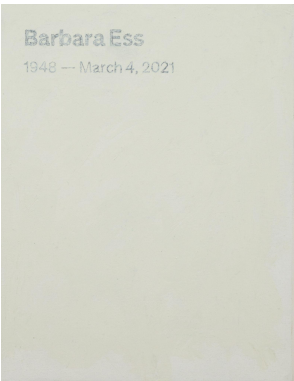


14_Silky Oak D, 2023
oil on canvas
20 x 16 inches

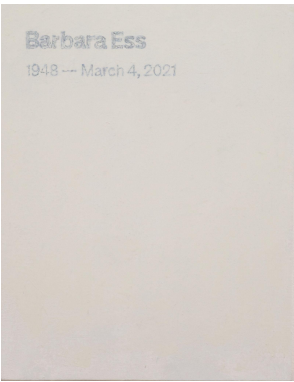
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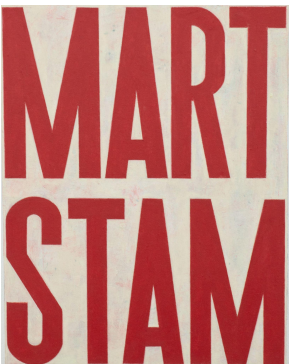
15_Silky Oak A, 2022
oil on canvas
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16_Poetics of Space B, 2023
oil on canvas
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17_Poetics of Space A, 2023
oil on canvas
14 x 11 inches

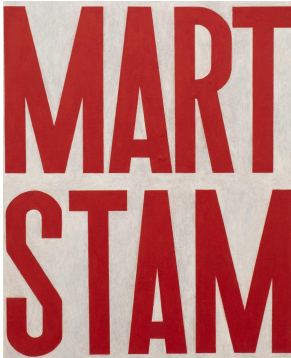


18_M.S. (after Paul Schuitema, D) 2022
oil on canvas
14 x 11 inches

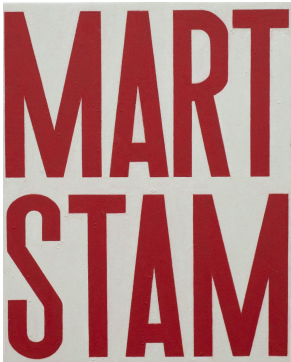
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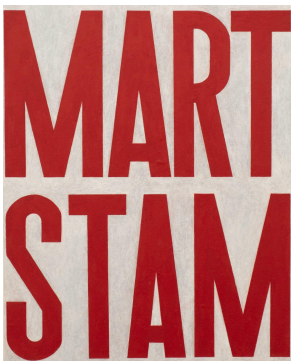
19_M.S. (after Paul Schuitema, A) 2022
oil on canvas
11.5 x 9 inches



20_M.S. (after Paul Schuitema, E) 2022
oil on canvas
18 x 14 inches



21_M.S. (after Paul Schuitema, G) 2023
oil on canvas
20 x 16 inches



22_M.S. (after Paul Schuitema, C) 2022
oil on canvas
15.5 x 12 inches

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