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Songs for Presidents presents  
Julian Pozzi *Forever 21*  
May 16, 2015 - June 20, 2015  
Opening Saturday May 16, 7 to 10pm

Songs for Presidents gallery is pleased to present *Forever 21*, an exhibition of painting and sculpture that will run from May 16 through June 20, 2015.

Julian Pozzi's paintings and sculptures are based in part on a crumpled job application for retail giant Forever 21 that the artist found on the street in midtown Manhattan while on lunch break from his day job. Pozzi's work enacts an ersatz "filling out" of the application, responding in kind to the form's relentless questioning, touching on ideas of labor, play, aging, and sloth.

Using a variety of materials, including cellulose-based modeling compound, acrylic, and resin, Pozzi invokes a restless, colorful dynamic that often involves the direct quotation of questions taken directly from the application. These responses use color, form and bad faith in equal measure to answer otherwise invasive and tedious questions. Other works eschew direct quotation, choosing simply to stand in affiliation, moving between the lumpen and the elegant with affectionate nods toward both camps. The imagery in the show casts a wide net, including a relief painting of a walker, a nearly-life-sized sculpture of a sleeping cat snuggling with what appears to be a smaller version of itself, and an acrylic painting of a boat adrift within a tumultuous seascape. Still other works resist immediate apprehension and move towards even more open-ended readings.

This will be Julian Pozzi's first exhibition at Songs for Presidents, and his third solo exhibition in New York. He has previously had solo exhibitions at Jeff Bailey Gallery, NY, and 1234 Gallery in Los Angeles, CA. His work has also been shown in group shows at White Columns, NY, Golinko Kordansky Gallery, LA, and Atelier Cardenas Bellanger Gallery in Paris, France. His work has been reviewed in the *New York Times* and has been featured in *Art & Antiques* and *Particules*. He is a founding President at Songs for Presidents Gallery. He lives and works in Queens, New York.

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