



Aaron Zulpo | *Maze Loop to Morongo Basin* (detail), 2024 | oil on canvas | 60h x 39w inches

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May 1 - June 15, 2024

39 White Street, Tribeca

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Opening reception: Wednesday, May 1st @ 6PM-8PM

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1969 Gallery is pleased to present *California Deserts*, Aaron Zulpo's second solo exhibition with the gallery. Following his relocation to California, Zulpo's interest in landscape painting has expanded and become a pivotal aspect of his studio practice. This change has inspired a new series of sensitively observed landscape paintings of the American West. He begins his work in plein air during exploratory hikes through rugged desert terrain. Zulpo's connection to the land imbues his paintings with a sense of reverence.

In *California Deserts*, the artist presents a series of recent paintings whose subjects range from the canyons of the Santa Ana Mountains, to the peaks of Mount San Jacinto, to the boulders and century-old Yuccas of Joshua Tree National Park. Zulpo captures the changing atmospheric and lighting conditions of the desert sky, as exemplified in works such as *Quail Mountain Dust Storm* and *Joshua Tree with a Red Sky*, bathed in golden, peach, and auburn tones that evoke the allure of the desert at sunset. Other paintings, such as *Looking at Maze Loop from Quail Springs*, highlight the uniquely expressive quality of cloudforms, which appear, at times, to mirror the craggy rocks below.

Drawing inspiration from early twentieth-century landscape painters, such as Rockwell Kent and the Canadian Group of Seven, Zulpo presents a serious and sustained engagement with the natural world. At the same time, he brings a twenty-first century environmental consciousness to the landscape tradition, calling attention to the inherent virtue and beauty of wild spaces and the need to preserve them.

In 2017, Aaron Zulpo and Johnny DeFeo co-founded The Guild of Adventure Painters. This non-profit organization aims to keep nature at the forefront of the arts by offering residency programs, community building initiatives, exhibitions and public events. Since its inception, The Guild of Adventure Painters has been dedicated to inspiring artists to immerse themselves in the outdoors, cultivating a deeper connection with nature and playing a vital role in its preservation.

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Aaron Zulpo (b. 1985, Illinois) received a BFA from Rhode Island School of Design and is a cofounder of the residency The Guild of Adventure Painters. Aaron is a painter who makes idealized landscapes that are started in plein air and then finished in the studio. He also paints narratives within voyeuristic spaces that usually take place in an urban landscape. In 2021, Zulpo curated an Armory Off-Site project in conjunction with The Guild of Adventure Painters. Solo exhibitions include *Joshua Tree*, Taymour Grahne (2023); *Ski Vacation*, Visions West Contemporary, Denver, Colorado (2019); *Up and Up*, 1969 Gallery, New York (2018). Notable group exhibitions include *contemporary domesticity ii*, Taymour Grahne, London, England (2024), *Beach*, Nino Mier Gallery, New York (2023), *Room With A View*, Hashimoto Contemporary, New York (2023); *Leave A Light On*, The Valley, Taos, New Mexico (2022), and *I love to paint*, curated by Kim Dorland, Patel, Toronto, Canada (2019). Aaron was a fellow at the Shandaken Paint School (2020). He lives and works in Southern California.



Aaron Zulpo | *San Jacinto Mountains*, 2024
oil on canvas | 48h x 60w inches





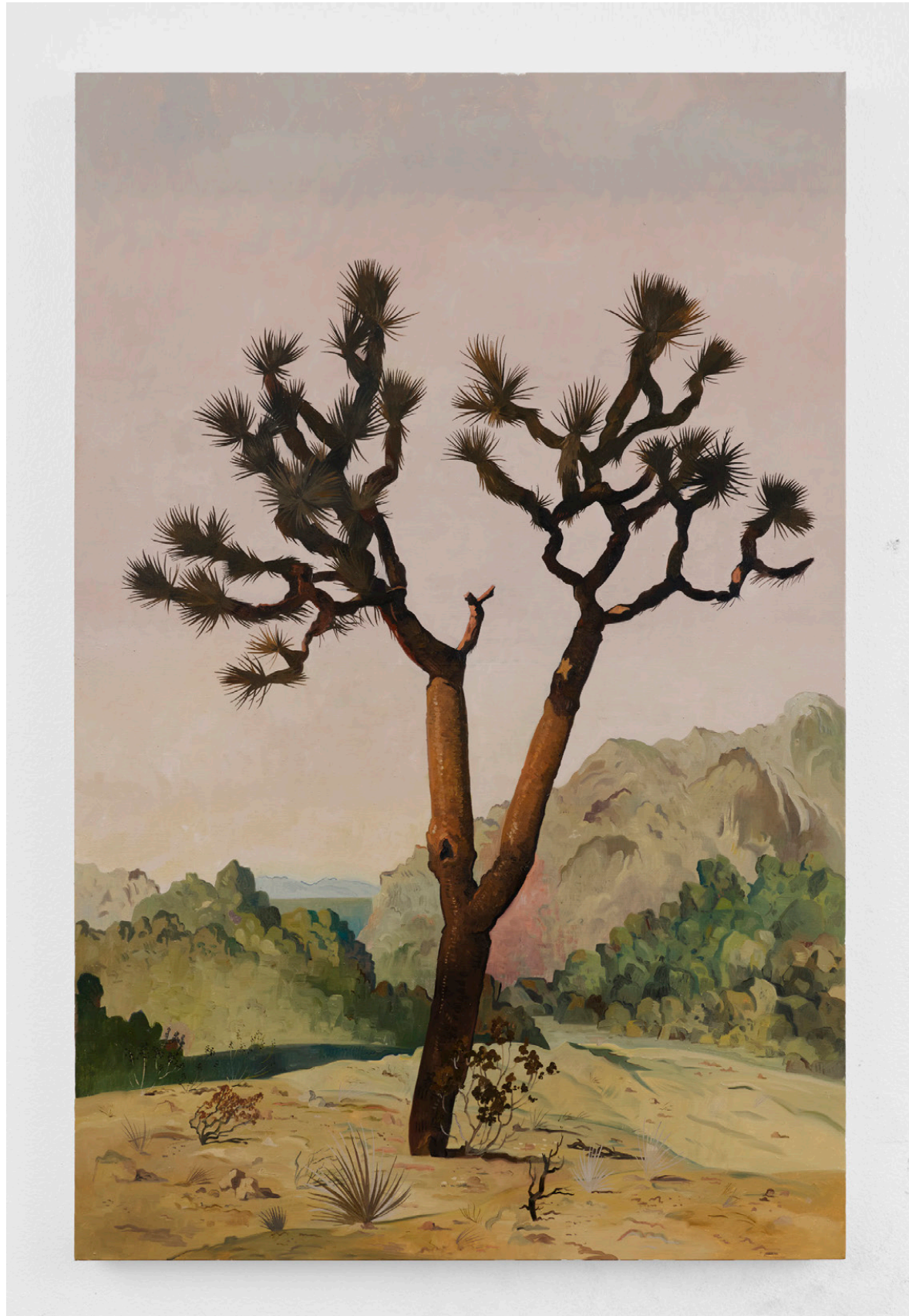
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Aaron Zulpo | *Quail Mountain Dust Storm*, 2024
oil on canvas | 60h x 39w inches





Aaron Zulpo | *Window Loop*, 2024
oil on canvas | 57h x 37w inches





Aaron Zulpo | *San Jacinto Peak*, 2024
oil on canvas | 45h x 50w inches





Aaron Zulpo | *Looking at Maze Loop from Quail Springs, 2024*
oil on canvas | 36h x 49w inches





Aaron Zulpo | *Joshua Tree in front of the Maze Loop Peak*, 2024
oil on canvas | 40h x 36w in





Aaron Zulpo | *Looking towards Nolina Peak at Sunset, 2024*
oil on canvas | 36h x 40w inches





Aaron Zulpo | *Desert Tree Next to The Oysters, JT National Park, 2024*
oil on canvas | 40h x 36w inches





Aaron Zulpo | *Joshua Tree at Maze Loop*, 2024
oil on canvas | 40h x 24w inches





Aaron Zulpo | *Horseshoe Joshua Tree*, 2024
oil on canvas | 28h x 22w inches





Aaron Zulpo | *Hidden Valley Boulders*, 2024
oil on canvas | 17h x 20w inches





Aaron Zulpo | *Santiago Peak, Santa Ana Mountains, 2024*
oil on canvas | 17h x 20w inches





Aaron Zulpo | *Joshua Tree with a Red Sky*, 2024
oil on canvas | 20h x 15w inches





Aaron Zulpo | *Joshua Tree near Quail Mountain*, 2024
oil on canvas | 18h x 14w inches



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Lives and works in Newport Beach, CA

Education

2008 BFA, Rhode Island School of Design

Selected Exhibitions

2024

California Deserts, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY (solo)

Contemporary Domesticity ii, Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK

Dallas Art Fair, 1969 Gallery, Dallas, TX

2023

Untitled Miami Beach, 1969 Gallery, Miami, FL

Yellowstone Forever Benefit, New York, NY

Beach, Nino Mier Gallery, New York, NY

Dallas Art Fair, 1969 Gallery, Dallas, TX

Joshua Tree, Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK (solo)

2022

Untitled Miami Beach, 1969 Gallery, Miami, FL

2021

The Scenic Route, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY

The Armory Show: Armory Off-Site, Adventure Painting, New York, NY

I have an idea!, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY

2020

Interiors: hello from the living room, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY

Adventure Painting, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY

2019

SWAB, Monterey Museum of Art, Monterey CA

A Ski Vacation, Visions West Contemporary, Denver, CO (solo)

SPF 32, curated by Madeleine Mermall, New York, NY

I <3 Paint, Patel, curated by Kim Dorland, Toronto

Personal Spaces, Danese/Corey, New York, NY

2018

Pulse Miami Beach, Project: ARTspac, Miami, FL

The Wacky West, Visions West Contemporary, Bozeman, MT

Summer of Love, Freight + Volume, New York, NY

Up and Up, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY (solo)

Private Practice, Underdonk, Brooklyn, NY

Group Show, Serving the People and Milk Studio, New York, NY



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2017

PULSE Miami Beach, Project: ARTspace, Miami

Tales of American Adventures, Visions West Contemporary, Denver, CO (solo)

September: How was Your Summer, 1969 Gallery, New York

Best Kept Secret, Geoffrey Young Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

2016

PULSE Miami Beach, Project: ARTspace, Miami

Thanksgiving, Muse Art LTD, Hong Kong

FADA: House of Madness, 23rd Annual Watermill Center Arts Benefit & Auction, Watermill, NY

The City, Susquehanna Art Museum, Harrisburg, PA

Volta New York, Project: ARTspace, New York (solo)

Migration- No More Great Wall, The Woo Space, Beijing

Awards + Residencies

2020 Shandaken Paint School Fellowship

2019-current SWAB Residency

2019 Visions West Contemporary Residency

2018 Macedonia Institute Residency

2016 Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) PULSE Picks, Miami

2016 Ace Hotel Artist in Residence, New York

Press

Interiors at 1969, White Hot Magazine

Sam McKinniss on Aaron Zulpo, Painters on Paintings

Thursday Spotlight: Aaron Zulpo, Painter of Narratives, Greenpointers

Suburbanites and Urbanites at Hooloon Art, The Art Blog

Dreamscapes for the 21st Century at the Volta Art Fair, Hyperallergic

Institutional Collections

Hilbert Museum of California Art, Orange, CA

Greenwich West, New York, NY

