

R

Page: 1 / 2

O

E

A

SEBASTIAN BLACK / JACOB KASSAY

5 MAY - 16 JUNE 2013

O

M

S

T

“One could say that the press release, considered as a medium, meets its match – for fraughtness, for derision inspiring valedictorianism, for metonymic fidelity to the churning undercurrents of value, taste, power, etc – in the medium of painting. Fine. One could also say that saying that is the cheapest price of admission to the Show.

Now that we’ve paid, I have to tell you that this show – in its lowercase leisure – does not yet exist. I guess that in a way this lightens our load and description can slouch into speculation. For instance, I speculate that there will be at least three paintings. I speculate there will be some other things, that are not paintings, but are similar to paintings. Also, I promise there won’t be any plants. Beyond these vague offerings not much else needs to be said. The specifics, as is often the case in the realm of the aesthetic, remain to be seen.

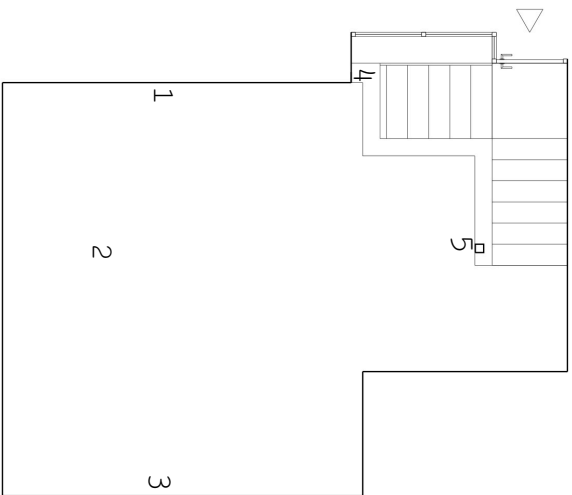
For now though, I’m going to relish the future’s blurry vista. Maybe there is no better tool for revealing the contingent nature of boundaries than astigmatism. We should roll with it, internalize it, embody it. Roger Caillois called this kind of radical mimesis “an incantation frozen at its high point,” although to be fair he was talking about bugs. I’d maintain that its a pretty good description of a painting, which is both defined by and overflowing its limit.”

Sebastian Black

25 April 2013

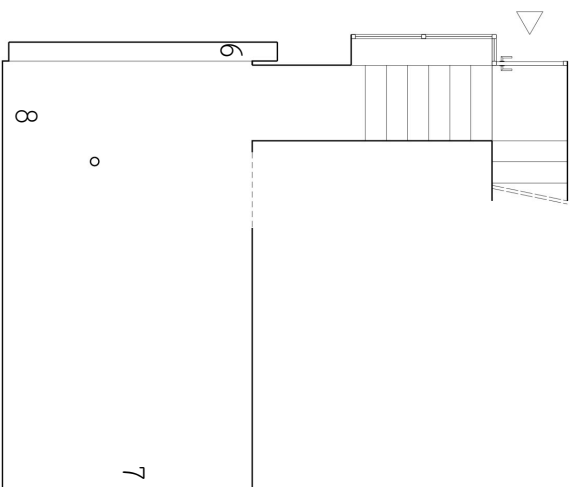
ROOM EAST
41 Orchard Street
New York, NY 10002

info@roomeast.com
+1 212 226 7108
roomeast.com



Upstairs :

- (1) JACOB KASSAY
Untitled 2013
Ink on wooden support
approx 65 x 81 inches
JK1301
- (2) JACOB KASSAY
Untitled 2013
Flooring, removed
14 x 20 inches
JK1302
- (3) SEBASTIAN BLACK
Puppy Painting (Crisp White) 2013
Oil on canvas
20 x 26 inches
SB1301
- (4,5,6) SEBASTIAN BLACK
Placeholders (Pithoi) 2013
Wine, cardboard, paint
10.5 x 3.75 x 10 inches
SB1303, SB1304, SB1305



Downstairs :

- (7) SEBASTIAN BLACK
Puppy Painting (White Grenache) 2013
Oil on canvas
20 x 26 inches
SB1302
- (8) SEBASTIAN BLACK / JACOB KASSAY
Opening 2013
Ink-jet print
10.25 x 8.5 inches
SBJK1301