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Gary Panter

Dream Town

August 26 – September 27, 2014

Artist's reception: Thursday, September 4, 6-8PM

Fredericks & Freiser is pleased to announce "Dream Town," an exhibition of new paintings by Gary Panter. This exhibition confirms Panter's continued interest in the play of figuration residing in fields of abstraction. The seventeen paintings on canvas are united in process and theme, and display a wide array of painterly effects, contrasting flat acrylic color fields, transparent washes, and expressive gestures.

In "Dream Town," Panter presents a boiled-down treatment of post-war abstraction coupled with pop culture archetypes such as heroes, villains, monsters, and wrestlers. Intense color is everywhere and provides a contrast to the primal nature of the figures. Yet, as we have come to expect from Gary Panter, something very strange is going on. Not only does the equation of figure, color, and abstraction stand as historically sensitive and wittily absurd, it embodies the uncanny disconnect between our stories and ourselves.

About the Artist: Gary Panter has been a presence in the art world since the late 1970s. He has been the subject of numerous solo exhibitions including the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, and the Columbus College of Art And Design. He was included *Disparities and Deformations: Our Grotesque*, The Fifth International Site Santa Fe Biennial curated by Robert Storr, *Masters of the American Comics* at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (traveling) and is currently featured in *What Nerve! Alternative Figures in American Art 1960 to the Present* curated by Dan Nadel at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum. He is the subject of a comprehensive monograph: *Gary Panter* (PictureBox), as well as the author of numerous graphic novels. This will be his third exhibition at Fredericks & Freiser.

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