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Preview: February 5-6, 11am-6pm
February 7-March 2, 2014

Game Changer by Leslie Nolan

Opening Reception:
Friday, February 7, 6-8:30pm
Encore Party: Thursday, February 27, 6-8:30pm



Reeling from an unanticipated event that has irrevocably changed their lives, Leslie Nolan's subjects in *Game Changer* generate a compelling aura of emotion. Whether the tipping point was political, economic, or social, the cause remains obscure, with the focus of these paintings squarely on the shock of impact. Fear, rage, and confusion reign in Nolan's strong and sometimes disconcerting images.

Rather than depicting real people, Nolan portrays moods and emotions. She exposes the vulnerability we all experience when circumstances beyond our control wreak havoc. Her subjects appear eccentric, with an often unsettling quality.

Nolan says, "I want my work to feel extemporaneous, not slick, and to show the power and force of the individual." A simplified palette, drips, and covered-up markings convey a spark of spontaneity to her paintings. Several pieces feature extreme facial close-ups that aggressively confront the viewer, and this unusual scale creates an intriguing tension.



During studies abroad and a career with the Department of State, Nolan traveled and worked all over the world. The often uneasy situations experienced in sometimes unstable places subtly influence her work.

A Washington, DC region award-winning artist, Nolan has exhibited throughout the country and internationally. This is her third solo exhibit at Touchstone. See more images at: www.leslienolan.com

Images: Backward In Time, Shifting Forward Slowly, Pulled By What Would Be and All I got.

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