

Louis Stern Fine Arts is pleased to present

Bruce Cohen - Recent Work

Reception For The Artist

Saturday, April 28, 5-8 PM

Exhibition continues through June 16th, 2012

Butter-colored tulips careen towards the open window, their faces turned outwards in hopes of locating sunlight. But, in Bruce Cohen's serenely unreal landscapes, gunmetal blue clouds swarm the sky. Cool, pre-storm light falls through lavender-framed windows. The sun has gone missing and the unnaturally elongated tulip stems curve and stretch in vain.

In keeping with the Old Master tradition of still life, Cohen infuses commonplace objects with a heightened reality. Coffee cups glow atop a pile of books. Each canvas features a supremely refined palette and carefully crafted composition. Yet, plums mysteriously happen to be the same rosy shade as the stripe on the tablecloth and anemones bloom from an almost unreasonably tall glass vase. A meticulous play of light and shadow throws the objects into sharp relief and slices into the background planes as if the painter's brush had become a surgeon's blade. Though the subject appears to be simply representational, the illusion created by the painting is surreal.

Though flowers 'bloom' in every image, these are still life paintings with a hard edge sensibility.

Cohen is based in Los Angeles and has been widely exhibited throughout the United States. This exhibition marks his initial outing with Louis Stern Fine Arts.

Gallery hours: Tuesday - Friday 10AM – 6PM; Saturday 11AM – 5PM

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