Only Home
Kevin Durkin

Feb 11th - April 1st, 2017
Gallery Aferro Main Gallery
73 Market Street, Newark

OPENING RECEPTION
February 11th, 7-10pm

Additional Events:
The Boy’s Film Screening, Feb 18th, 7pm
Artist Talk, April 1st, 3pm

GALLERY HOURS
Wednesday - Saturday
12pm - 6pm
and by appointment

Kevin Durkin creates work that centers around an abstract sense of nostalgia and memory. The work resurrects moments that may not have occurred, may never occur, but still feel vaguely familiar, landing somewhere between reality and fantasy. Years go by and the concept of home is manipulated and transformed until it can, at times, feel unrecognizable. It may no longer be a place you know, but a brief moment in time, when even a sound, or a flash of color can bring you somewhere you’ve been before.

Durkin’s work goes there and beyond, creating landscapes of places we have yet to go, but might feel just as comfortable. Having dealt with various forms of loss of the concept of a home, his work comes from the most personal of places, while at the same time bringing the viewer an undeniably universal experience.
Kevin Durkin is a multidisciplinary artist working in Newark, New Jersey. Durkin was born February 18, 1988 in Portland, Oregon. Raised in Northwestern New Jersey he went on to study graphic design at The Art Institute of Philadelphia. While there he found himself creating more conceptually, working with non-commercial themes in digital art pieces. Taking that process a step further he switched to analog, utilizing painting and drawing as a way to grant himself more freedom from the constraints of the digital medium. He has been an artist in residence at Index Art Center in Newark, New Jersey since 2014.

Something Like It, house paint, acrylic paint, oil pastel, ink, gold leaf on chip board, 31x32, 2015

Mission
The mission of Gallery Aferro is to bring cultural education and aesthetic engagement with contemporary issues to all people equally, and to create an environment where artists can gather and share physical and intellectual resources. We are working towards an arts community that is available to everyone, without sacrificing standards or quality of experience.

Accessing The Gallery
Gallery hours are listed above, come by for a visit! Gallery Aferro is a street level store front gallery and is wheelchair accessible. If you need special assistance, requests, or desire additional information about accessibility, please email our ADA Coordinator, Evonne Davis, at edavis@aferrro.org. We believe art is absolutely for everyone and are very happy to accommodate anyone’s needs but please give us 1 weeks notice for any arrangements that will need to be made at the gallery. If you require large print press materials please let us know 48 hours ahead of time.

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