

Homage to Karabekian

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The works in this exhibition proposal completed between 2018 and 2024



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Acrylic, Oil on Canvas, Red Neon.

120" x 44.5"

2019

(right panel in-progress)

The work and the subsequent work in the series spring from a quote from by the fictional character created by Kurt Vonnegut: "I now give you my word of honor," he went on, "that the picture your city owns shows everything about life which truly matters, with nothing left out. It is a picture of the awareness of every animal. It is the immaterial core of every animal - the 'I am' to which all messages are sent. It is all that is alive in any of us - in a mouse, in a deer, in a cocktail waitress. It is unwavering and pure, no matter what preposterous adventure may befall us. A sacred picture of Saint Anthony alone is one vertical, unwavering band of light. If a cockroach were near him, or a cocktail waitress, the picture would show two such bands of light. Our awareness is all that is alive and maybe sacred in any of us. Everything else about us is dead machinery."



Homage to Karabekian #2

Oil and Acrylic on Canvas, LED strip light

62" x 36"

2019

Work is substantially complete, with minor in-progress on the LED strips and framing.



detail





Homage to Karabekian #3

Oil and Acrylic on Canvas, LED strip light

100" x 36" (Left panel 44.5 at top)

2019

(complete)



putti
16" x 16"
Acrylic on Canvas, Gold leaf
2019
(complete, framed)



putti
16" x 16"
Acrylic on Canvas, Gold leaf
2019
(complete, framed)



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16" x 16"
Acrylic on Canvas, Gold leaf
2019
(complete, framed)



putti
16" x 16"
Acrylic on Canvas, Gold leaf
2019
(complete, framed)



putti
14" x 14"
Oil on Canvas
2019
(complete)



putti
12" x 12"
Oil on Canvas
2019
(complete, framed)



putti
12" x 12"
Oil on Canvas
2019
(complete, framed)



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12" x 12"
Oil on Canvas
2019
(complete, framed)



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14" x 14"
Oil on Canvas
2019
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16" x 16"
Acrylic on Canvas
2019
(complete, framed)



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14" x 14"
Oil on Canvas
2019
(complete, framed)



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16" x 16"
Acrylic on Canvas
2019
(complete, framed)



putti
15" x 15"
Acrylic on Canvas
2019
(complete, framed)



putti
15" x 15"
Acrylic on Canvas
2019
(complete, framed)



putti
16" x 15"
Acrylic on Canvas
2019
(complete, framed)



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Acrylic on Canvas
2019
(complete, framed)