

BRIAN ALFRED

MAJIC WINDOW

28TH MARCH - 9TH MAY 2009

CURATED BY ROBERTO PINTO



Brian Alfred is an American artist who, while having a well-defined and easily recognised style, tries in every way to experiment with different compositional and technical solutions. In this show too, with its emblematic title *Majic Window*, paintings, collages, and 3-D animations follow each other in search of stylistic unity. Alfred's compositional choices and the resulting images are recognisable above all for the evident and necessary three-dimensionality that they display. In fact the artist never makes use of spatial illusions, not even for a moment, in order to fool the viewers or to induce them to shift their attention on to the reality he alludes to. The surfaces of his works are flat, the result of the graphics processing which came about with the earliest digital imaging, a technique that was not yet sufficiently sophisticated to be misleading. And for this very reason it is used by the artist for the capacity of the images to question themselves about art and the mechanisms that govern those ways of communicating images which, by now, are dominant in our post-industrial society.



Brian Alfred was born in 1974; he lives and works in Brooklyn. After having graduated from Yale University in 1999, he began his art career by exhibiting in such important American and European galleries as those of Haunch and Venison, Mary Boone and Max Protech. He has received numerous international awards, amongst which the Joan Mitchell Foundation Award and that of the Pollock-Krasner Foundation. His works have been acquired by important private and public collections, including those of the Whitney Museum and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Collection, New York.



Top left:
Majic Window, 2009

Top right:
Fog Bow, 2009
Collage on paper - 22,8x30,5 cm

Bottom left:
Aurora Borealis, 2009
Acrylic on linen - 40,6x50,8 cm

Bottom right:
Majic Cloud Cluster, 2009
Collage on paper - 22,8x30,5

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