

PRESS RELEASE

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Presents Gregory Burak - Graham Preston:
Inside | Outside

February 11 – March 9, 2017

Opening reception: Saturday, Feb 11, 5-8 PM

(February 2, 2017) Gitler & _____ is proud to present the forthcoming two-person show from [Gregory Burak - Graham Preston: *Inside/Outside*](#). For this exhibition both painters share their distinct approach to portraiture and form, interplaying light, line and shadow within a host of scenes that adopt narrative elements ranging from the autobiographical to the natural and surreal.

Inside/Outside will comprise four new paintings from each artist. The opening reception will be held on Saturday evening, February 11, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Exhibited together, these works yield a binary narrative. Burak's *Inside* depicts scenes of calm repose, yet inhabited by characters whose posture and inaction introduce an undercurrent of reserved panic. Burak's deft application of directional geometry and muted colors throughout his rooms—from the décor and wall dimensions to the characters' own posture—helps create simple contrasts of light and dark, autonomy and confinement. Any sense of equilibrium that viewers may otherwise infer from these darkly comedic snapshots is upended in an instant.

Preston's *Outside* are snapshots of ephemeral pause. The artist intertwines natural elements with surrealist interlopers, which assume the form of cosmic light and monolithic fields. Within these expansive scenes, a deeply personal subtext infuses each canvas; Preston blurs the lines that separate the real from the imagined, the ghostly from the earthly, and each one—regardless of lineage—casts a shadow commensurate to its form and place, abound with color and painterly gesture.

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Gitler & _____ is located at 3629 Broadway in Hamilton Heights, NYC. The gallery is dedicated to showcasing rising artists from around the world. For more info visit www.gitlerand.com

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Gregory Burak, *Amateur Vampire Hunters* (2017); oil on canvas, 40x45 in.



Graham Preston, *Headlights* (2017); oil on panel, 43x55 in.