

HASHIMOTO CONTEMPORARY

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Erik Jones:

MUSE

November 11th - December 9th, 2023

NEW YORK CITY - Hashimoto Contemporary is pleased to present *Muse*, a solo exhibition by St. Petersburg-based artist Erik Jones. The exhibition will be Jones' fifth solo presentation at Hashimoto Contemporary, exploring the space between hyperrealism and abstraction, merging the surreal with the familiar.

For his latest body of work, Jones dives into feelings of tension and anxiety, visible through exaggerated poses and dramatic backgrounds. Chaotic environments depicting erupting volcanos, tidal waves and flames are prevalent, yet through it all the figures carry a sense of calm as they move through their surroundings. Expressive brush strokes are found throughout Jones' semi-abstracted nudes, creating textured surfaces. Colorful swells form elongated and exaggerated limbs, full of movement and life.

As a counterbalance to the surrealistic paintings, Jones will also be presenting a series of small minimal works, titled after well known candies such as *Skittles* and *Twix*. Serving as academic explorations of the figure, they merge elements of design with beauty and realistic figurative representation. When enjoyed as a grouping, these works feel like small treats, something to be enjoyed and devoured.

Please join us Saturday, November 11th for the opening. The artist will be in attendance.

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For more information, additional images, or exclusive content, please email NYC Partner, Jennifer Rizzo, at jenn@hashimotocontemporary.com



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WHAT:

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WHERE:

Hashimoto Contemporary

54 Ludlow Street

New York, NY 10002

WHEN:

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RELEVANT LINKS:

Hashimoto Contemporary: <https://www.hashimotocontemporary.com>

Erik Jones: <https://www.instagram.com/erikjonesart/>

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Erik Jones was born in 1982 in St. Petersburg, FL and currently lives and works there. In 2007 he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Ringling College of Art and Design. He is best known for works featuring semi-abstracted subjects where the fantastical and familiar merge. Working with a colorful palette, Jones' figures exist in a space between realism and abstraction. The artist vividly paints flesh while posing his figures in exaggerated poses. Jones works in a variety of mediums including watercolour, coloured pencil and oil.

ABOUT THE GALLERY:

Hashimoto Contemporary is a contemporary art gallery originally founded in 2013 by Ken Harman Hashimoto. In 2023 the gallery announced two new partners, Dasha Matsuura and Jennifer Rizzo. Our roster consists of an eclectic blend of emerging and established contemporary artists working primarily within our respective local communities. Hashimoto Contemporary provides a dual platform to both marginalized and mainstream voices. You can find us at the Minnesota Street Project (San Francisco), the Lower East Side (New York City) and Culver City (Los Angeles) where our three spaces put on new exhibitions monthly.