



Francisco Rodriguez: *Midday Demon*
September 7–October 12, 2019

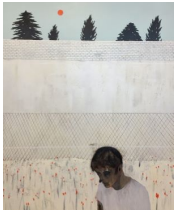
Steve Turner is pleased to present *Midday Demon*, a solo exhibition of new paintings by London-based Francisco Rodriguez, most of which feature an isolated male figure within a desolate urban landscape. In some, the figure is upright and smoking a cigarette. In others, he appears to have passed out. The artist describes the bleak setting as one that fosters exhaustion, listlessness, sadness, dejection, restlessness, anxiety and depression. Rodriguez observed the phenomena of the “midday demon” while growing up in Santiago, one of the largest cities in South America; again in London where he has lived for the last five years; and also during a recent residencies in Poland and Ukraine. He ponders the effects of the oppressive midday sun and wonders if such “spirits” actually do appear at that hour. Are his figures victims of some “midday demon”; or are they the demons themselves?

Francisco Rodriguez (b. 1989, Santiago) earned a BFA and a post-graduate degree in painting at the University of Chile, Santiago (2012 & 2013) before earning an MFA at the Slade School of Fine Art, London (2018). He has had recent solo exhibitions at Galeria Leyendecker, Santa Cruz de Tenerife (2018) and Cooke Latham, London (2018). This is Rodriguez’ first solo exhibition at Steve Turner.

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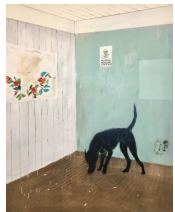
Francisco Rodriguez
Aridity, 2019
Oil on canvas
78 ³/₄ x 65 inches (200 x 165 cm)



Francisco Rodriguez
Backyard, 2019
Oil on canvas
82 ⁵/₈ x 66 ⁷/₈ inches (210 x 170 cm)



Francisco Rodriguez
Caretaker, 2019
Oil on canvas
78 ³/₄ x 66 ⁷/₈ inches (200 x 170 cm)



Francisco Rodriguez
Green Corner, 2019
Oil on canvas
82 ⁵/₈ x 66 ⁷/₈ inches (210 x 170 cm)



Francisco Rodriguez
In the Garden, 2019
Oil on canvas
82 ⁵/₈ x 66 ⁷/₈ inches (210 x 170 cm)

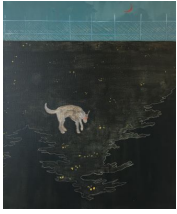


Francisco Rodriguez
The Beast, 2019
Oil on canvas
82 ⁵/₈ x 66 ⁷/₈ inches (210 x 170 cm)



Francisco Rodriguez
Corner, 2019
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)

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Francisco Rodriguez
Dog at Night, 2019
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)



Francisco Rodriguez
Garden with men, 2019
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)



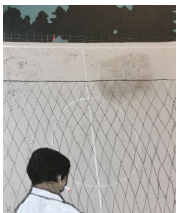
Francisco Rodriguez
Lying, 2019
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)



Francisco Rodriguez
Nativo, 2019
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)



Francisco Rodriguez
Street at night, 2019
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)

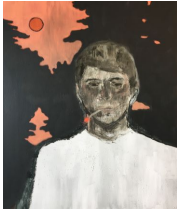


Francisco Rodriguez
The Football Pitch, 2019
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)



Francisco Rodriguez
The Thing, 2019
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)

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Francisco Rodriguez
Young Man, 2019
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)