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Zachary Ochoa: *Return of the Magic Sword*

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Steve Turner is pleased to present *Return of the Magic Sword*, a solo exhibition by Milwaukee-based Zachary Ochoa that features new paintings which introduce a world of their creation, one with a girl hero, his alter ego, and an array of urns, swords and other weapons, objects that connect Ochoa's narrative to Arthurian legend. The images are painted so that they float in solid backgrounds and often are juxtaposed with text, "Revenge," "Dream," "Dog," "Friendship," "Lady," "Flower Forever" and "Death." Years of unknown significance, "2002" and "2004," are also scrawled on many of the paintings. Floating images, words and dates allow for an open-ended reading of Ochoa's non-linear narrative, one that he aims to expand upon in upcoming projects. According to Ochoa, "The evolving narrative of Girl Hero allows me to address a number of topics including revenge, love and acceptance while utilizing imagery that is not rooted in any specific time period."