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ROME, April 26, 2023—Gagosian is thrilled to announce “Fins,” the upcoming exhibition of new works by contemporary artist Alex Israel. The exhibition will feature a collection of giant, plastic, colored surfboard “Fin” sculptures that will be on display starting May 12th at Gagosian Rome. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Israel is known for his exploration of the visual culture of Los Angeles, and this exhibition continues this exploration with an exciting new approach. These brightly colored plastic surfboard “Fin” sculptures have been crafted with meticulous attention to detail, resulting in a collection of works that are both playful and strikingly beautiful. They exist in dialogue with *Light and Space* and *Finish Fetish* artworks that developed in Los Angeles in the 1960s.

By transforming the familiar surfboard fin into a work of art, Israel invites the viewer to engage with the culture of surfing in a new and unexpected way. The exhibition will showcase a variety of surfboard fin sculptures, each with its own unique shape, size, and color scheme. Visitors to the exhibition will be invited to explore these works and to discover the inspiration behind each one.

“We are delighted to present this exciting new body of work by Alex Israel,” said a spokesperson for Gagosian. “His Fin sculptures engage with historical precedents and offer a playful and inventive exploration of Southern California’s surf culture. We are thrilled to share them with our visitors.”

In addition to the “Fins,” the exhibition will feature additional works including cut-out works on paper and study-sized “Self-Portraits,” all thematically related to Israel’s new sculptures.

The exhibition will be on display from May 12th to July 28th, 2023, at Gagosian Rome. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

For more information about the exhibition, please visit the Gagosian website or contact the gallery directly.

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Fins

Opening reception: Friday, May 12, 6–8pm

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