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Ariane Hughes: *Don't Cry Because It Happened, Smile Because It's Over*
July 8 – August 5, 2023

Steve Turner is pleased to present *Don't Cry Because It Happened, Smile Because It's Over*, a solo exhibition by London-based Ariane Hughes that features a series of paintings that relate to emotional upheaval and the path to personal empowerment. Hughes uses her prodigious painting skills to depict hyper-real images that are at once absurd, menacing and humorous as well as sexy and grotesque. Inspired by experience and close observation, they more broadly relate to the selfie generation where personal relationships often commence on one's iphone yet end in tears.

Ariane Hughes graduated from Camberwell College (2019), had a solo exhibition at GNYP, Berlin (2022) and has had work in numerous group exhibitions since 2019, most recently at Guts Gallery, London (2023). This is Hughes' first solo exhibition with Steve Turner.

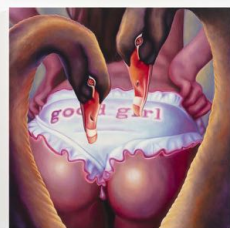
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Ariane Hughes
Trust Me I Will Bite (poodletits), 2023
Oil on linen
63 x 43 ¹/₄ inches (160 x 110 cm)
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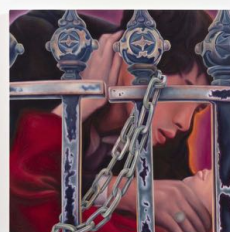
Ariane Hughes
(a two year) Mistake, 2023
Oil on linen
39 ³/₈ x 39 ³/₈ inches (100 x 100 cm)
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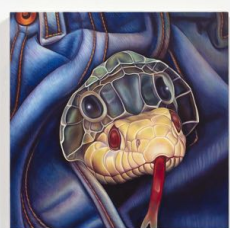
Ariane Hughes
Don't Judge A Book etc (for the goodest girl), 2023
Oil on linen
39 ³/₈ x 39 ³/₈ inches (100 x 100 cm)
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Ariane Hughes
Me, Myself & I, 2023
Oil on linen
39 ³/₈ x 39 ³/₈ inches (100 x 100 cm)
a.hughes013072



Ariane Hughes
(not) Not An Abuser, 2023
Oil on linen
39 ³/₈ x 39 ³/₈ inches (100 x 100 cm)
a.hughes013077



Ariane Hughes
Eyelashes Longer Than His, 2023
Oil on linen
19 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (50 x 50 cm)
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Ariane Hughes

Don't Look At Me, 2023

Oil on linen

19 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (50 x 50 cm)

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