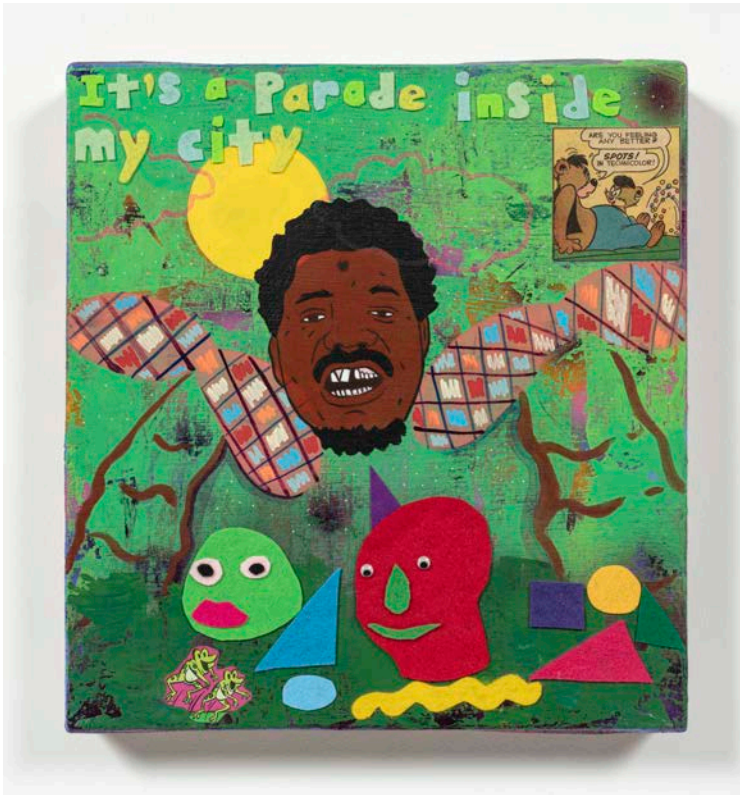


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PRESS RELEASE



David Leggett: *Everyday Struggle*

August 12 – September 9, 2023

Steve Turner is pleased to present *Everyday Struggle*, a solo exhibition by Los Angeles-based artist David Leggett featuring new paintings that continue the artist's incorporation of pop culture, text, bright colors and soft materials to explore issues of race and class. The exhibition title comes from a Biggie Smalls song from 1994 that addresses the daily struggles faced by many people in marginalized communities. These circumstances, which often result in poverty, violence and a life without opportunity, are vividly portrayed in the song and alluded to in Leggett's work, as are the emotions, frustrations and desperation that result from the day-to-day grind.

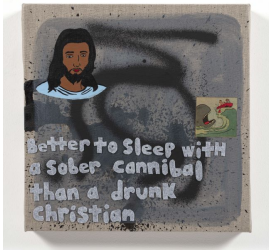
One of Leggett's paintings amplifies on the theme of Small's song by combining the spray-painted text, "Everyday Struggle" with a Disney image of Br'er Rabbit fighting the Tar-Baby. In the original Uncle Remus story, Br'er Fox made a doll out of tar and turpentine to trap Br'er Rabbit. The more Br'er Rabbit fights the Tar-Baby, the more entangled he becomes, illustrating the frustration—and often, the futility—of engaging with problematic situations.

David Leggett (born 1980) earned a BFA at Savannah College of Art and Design (2003) and an MFA at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (2007) before attending Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture (2010). He has had solo exhibitions at Anthony Gallery, Chicago (2021); Aspect / Ratio, Chicago (2021); Steve Turner, Los Angeles (2020 & 2021); Shane Campbell Gallery, Chicago (2017 & 2019) and his work has been included in group exhibitions at Zidoun & Bossuyt Gallery, Luxembourg; James Fuentes Gallery, New York; Kunstverein Langenhagen, Germany and the Contemporary Art Museum, Raleigh, North Carolina. This is his third solo exhibition at Steve Turner.

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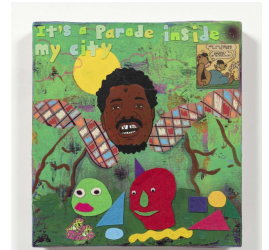
David Leggett  
**You know the vibes**, 2023  
Acrylic, felt, and collage on canvas  
16 x 16 inches (40.6 x 40.6 cm)  
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David Leggett  
**You know it's not back in the day, right?**, 2023  
Acrylic, felt, spray paint, and collage on linen  
16 x 16 inches (40.6 x 40.6 cm)  
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David Leggett  
**You ain't bad**, 2023  
Acrylic, collage, artist crayon, spray paint, and felt on linen  
16 x 16 inches (40.6 x 40.6 cm)  
d.leggett013148



David Leggett  
**We outside**, 2023  
Acrylic, collage, and felt on linen  
14 x 13 inches (35.6 x 33 cm)  
d.leggett013137



David Leggett  
**Untitled**, 2023  
Acrylic and collage on linen  
16 x 16 inches (40.6 x 40.6 cm)  
d.leggett013145



David Leggett  
**The bigger the headache the bigger the pill**, 2023  
Acrylic, collage, color pencil, artist crayon, and spray paint on canvas  
24 x 24 inches (61 x 61 cm)  
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David Leggett

***I can't work a 9 to 5***, 2023

Acrylic, collage, artist crayon, acrylic die, felt, and spray paint on canvas  
24 x 24 inches (61 x 61 cm)

d.leggett013139



David Leggett

***Greatest show on Earth***, 2023

Acrylic, collage, spray paint, and felt on linen  
16 x 16 inches (40.6 x 40.6 cm)

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David Leggett

***Grape Soda***, 2023

Acrylic, artist crayon, felt, and collage on linen  
14 x 13 inches (35.6 x 33 cm)

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David Leggett

***Gas Face***, 2023

Acrylic, collage, spray paint, and felt on linen  
16 x 16 inches (40.6 x 40.6 cm)

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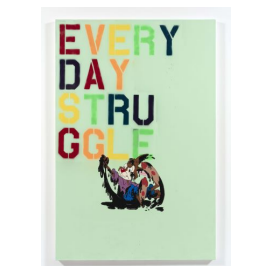


David Leggett

***Fix yo' kitchen***, 2023

Acrylic, spray paint, artist crayon, and collage on linen  
16 x 16 inches (40.6 x 40.6 cm)

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David Leggett

***Everyday Struggle***, 2023

Acrylic and spray paint on canvas  
96 x 64 inches (243.8 x 162.6 cm)

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