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Jules de Balincourt
One Island Many People
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Galleri Bo Bjerggaard is proud to present *One Island Many People*, an exhibition of new works by Jules de Balincourt and his first with the gallery, on view from 2 November 2018 – 12 January, 2019.

De Balincourt's paintings start out as abstract shapes and forms. These emerge from within fields of thinned out hues that, generatively speaking, make up the first layers of his handsome compositions. "By the second or third session," he says, "I usually see an image, which I follow."

Oil on panel paintings, they depict, among other dreamy images, tropical beach scenes, views of Robinson Crusoe-like islands, a sailing boat, jungle landscapes that morph cinematically into faces (as in a film montage) and groups of figures toing and froing across dark-and-acid-colored terrains like tribes of concertgoers searching for a ride home (alternately, they could be refugees). The works captivating imagery seem romantic, but the disquiet lurks in the details. Or as the artist himself puts it: "I am interested in painting utopian scenes that play out in a dystopian place."

Balincourt has held numerous solo exhibitions internationally, latest Kasseler Kunstverein, Kassel (2015); The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Texas (2014 - 2015); Rochechouart Museum of Contemporary Art, (2014), Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, (2013), Mori Art Museum. Balincourts works can be found in a number of international museum collections, including Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Canada, Collezione Maramotti, Reggio Emilia, Italy, Oppenheimer – JCCC Collection for the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, US, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA, Brooklyn Museum, NY, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA.

The exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue with text by art critic Christian Viveros-Fauné.

All are welcome to attend the **opening reception on Friday 2 November from 4.00-7.00 pm.** For further information, and to obtain photographic material from *One Island Many People*, please contact Jeanette Lindholdt Madsen by e-mail at jeanette@bjerggaard.com or tel. +45 3141 7069.