

“Personnel to the sales floor for customer service, please”

There was an amusing television show in the mid 90’s called “*Supermarket Sweep*” where contestants frantically dashed through a grocery store, grabbing products from shelf displays to fill their shopping carts.

These paintings are obviously a parody of frantic consumerism but are also about claustrophobia and my dislike of shopping. I’m interested in how painting can compose space, and how patterns can be painted in a representational manner. Using repeated fragments of figures and skewed space, the paintings take on an overall pattern as if Matisse had a job in retail. Shopping may be a mundane activity but as a subject for painting, when transformed, it has endless possibilities that excite me.

The paintings that came from this series were exhibited at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton, NB as well as Gallery Page and Strange in Halifax NS.



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