

:: GRANT WAHLQUIST GALLERY

#4 (Part of the Summer Never Dies)

Leon Benn, Alyse Emdur, Stephanie Garzanti, and Tessa Greene O'Brien

1/19/19 – 3/9/19

Opening reception 1/19/19, 5 – 7 pm

*Between melting and freezing
The soul's sap quivers. There is no earth smell
Or smell of living thing. This is the spring time
But not in time's covenant. Now the hedgerow
Is blanched for an hour with transitory blossom
Of snow, a bloom more sudden
Than that of summer, neither budding nor fading,
Not in the scheme of generation.
Where is the summer, the unimaginable
Zero summer?*

- TS. Eliot, *Little Gidding* (from *Four Quartets*)

Leon Benn lives in Portland, Maine. He studied at the Rhode Island School of Design (BFA) and the University of California, Los Angeles (MFA). He has had solo exhibitions at David B. Smith Gallery, Denver; Roberts & Tilton, Los Angeles; Stems Gallery, Brussels; and Carter & Citizen, Los Angeles. His work has been featured in group exhibitions at Able Baker Contemporary, Portland; Space Gallery, Portland; Brand New Gallery, Milan; the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis; James Harris Gallery, Seattle; and Lisa Cooley, New York, amongst others.

Alyse Emdur lives in Los Angeles. A graduate of the Cooper Union (BFA) and the University of Southern California (MFA), her work has been exhibited at venues including Odd Ark, LA (solo); the Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver; High Desert Test Sites; Machine Projects, Los Angeles; 356 Mission, Los Angeles; the Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena; and Guild and Greyshkul, New York. Her work has been written about in Artforum, the Los Angeles Times, Hyperallergic, The Stranger, and the Los Angeles Review of Books.

Stephanie Garzanti lives in Paris, France. She is a graduate of the International Curatorial Training Program, Le Magasin, CNAC, Grenoble, France, and the Ecole nationale supérieure des beaux-arts, Lyon, France (MFA). Her work has been featured in Frog, an international art and architecture magazine affiliated with Le Consortium and Les Presses du reel, Dijon, France.

Tessa Greene O'Brien lives in South Portland, Maine. She is a graduate of Skidmore College (BS in Fine Art) and the Maine College of Art (MFA). Her most recent solo exhibition at Elizabeth Moss Galleries, Falmouth, was reviewed in the Portland Press Herald. Her work has been seen in exhibitions throughout Maine at venues including the Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland; Able Baker Contemporary, Portland; and 3S Artspace, Portsmouth. O'Brien co-founded the Portland Mural Initiative with her partner Will Sears.

The gallery is located at 30 City Center, Portland, Maine. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 am to 6 pm, and by appointment. **Please note the gallery is open by appointment only February 8 – 16th.** For more information, visit <http://grantwahlquist.com>, call 207.245.5732, or email info@grantwahlquist.com.