

***Shallow Standing 3***

36 x 36 inches

Oil on Canvas

Price available upon request

**Ethan Gill**

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**Bio**

Ethan Gill (b. 1987, Madison, WI) received his MFA from the School of the Art Institute Chicago in 2014 and his BFA from Northern Illinois University in 2009. Gill's recent solo shows include Luis de Jesus Los Angeles and Left Feild Gallery in Los Osos; and his work has been included in exhibitions at Shane Campbell, LVL3 and Western Exhibitions in Chicago; Green Point Terminal Gallery in Brooklyn, NY; University of Springfield Visual Arts Gallery in Springfield, IL; and College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, IL. He lives and works in Springdale, AR.

**Artist Statement**

Ethan Gill's new paintings present the pool as a psychological space, permeated by West Coast light and used to reflect upon form, memory and isolation. The paintings depict figures in swimming pools: legs, feet and partial views of bodies caught in the act of submerging or at rest as the movement of light and water interrupt the figure and graph of tiles. As he paints without visual references, both figuration and abstraction emerge from within the grid in the process, allowing the subconscious to materialize form. Light, color and refraction overtake the order of intersecting vectors. The heft and weight of a body as it succumbs to the water, hemmed in by tight framing crops or morphing into tessellated shapes, displace the water, disrupt the grid, and unmoor the body from physics and form.