

NEIL ZAKIEWICZ BLINKYS

An anticipatory screen cursor, a puppet's discoid eye moving between open and lash-shut; a spectral recollection; the stuttering gas-tube signage above a members' club; a German minimalist. It could be a lost episode of The Mighty Boosh.



Blinkys is at once everything it says on the tin and the magic bits of decision-making we rarely think about but that define our assessments of and interactions with others. It pays playful homage to notions of portraiture and painting in a time of rampant selfie-ism and algorithmic image generation. And, the long and twisty history of creators as 'characters', interesting people - famous or otherwise - known through their work or perhaps intimately. But, here, all sitters have been referentially rinsed, marinated in the mind's eye to arrive canvas-first as a riotous universe of remodelled signifiers.

We understand people as much through what they do and create as through how they appear, and in Neil Zakiewicz's world, visual appearances are as mercurial and wilful as the words that might be used to describe them. Sometimes, they are simply proper nouns in designer fonts, all Euclidean angles chromatically Cirque du Soleil-ed into being via a joyful Ab-Ex palette. The artist himself can be found among the fray of creatives that move him – rhomboid, hole-punch-eyed and rendered in Guston pink.

Where the titular art figure Palermo freed painted 'objects' from their contexts, Zakiewicz appears to have ushered them back into each ground on the Vinted promise of being used to rebuild something, or someone, anew. Yet, each canvas is bordered by a box-like frame – Mobius neo-geo strips that remind us of its objecthood, unchanged through time. A nod perhaps to the enduring effectiveness of painting and its oldest tropes, or maybe just to the fact he has found a new love for them both.





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presenting Neil Zakiewicz's third solo in the gallery following on from <u>Working</u> in 2008 (with a text by John Chilver) and <u>Come Alive</u> in 2022. With many thanks to Rebecca Geldard <u>appleandhat.com</u> for the text and Andy Keate for the photography.

2025 exhibitions: Lee Edwards, Alice Wilson, Nicky Hirst, Kristaps Ancāns, Dermot O'Brien. ... WORKS:



AW ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 45 X 35CM 2024



DB ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 60 X 50CM 2024



LG ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 40 X 30CM 2024



SLOPE ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 60 X 55CM 2024



MZ ACRYLIC ON BIRCH PLY ON TIMBER SUBFRAME 40 X 30CM 2024



THE SCENE ACRYLIC ON WOOD PANEL ON TIMBER SUBFRAME 20 X 18CM 2024



NZ ACRYLIC ON BIRCH PLYWOOD ON TIMBER SUBFRAME 40 X 30CM 2024



YELLOW HOUSE ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 61 X 56CM 2024



AS ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 100 X 70CM 2024



SWELL ACRYLIC ON WOOD PANEL ON TIMBER SUBFRAME 49 X 35CM 2024



JO AND PABLO ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 55 X 50CM 2024



STATES ACRYLIC ON WOOD PANEL ON TIMBER SUBFRAME 29.5 X 18CM 2024



HEAD RUSH ACRYLIC ON WOOD PANEL ON TIMBER SUBFRAME 48 X 36CM 2024



FP ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 82 X 67CM 2024



BAAL ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 50 X 40CM 2024

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AIM HIGH ACRYLIC ON WOOD PANEL ON TIMBER SUBFRAME 49.5 X 31CM 2024



JA ACRYLIC ON WOOD PANEL ON TIMBER SUBFRAME 41 X 34CM 2024



TUMBLE ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 45 X 40CM 2024



YOU ME AND HIM ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 45 X 35CM 2024



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ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 46 X 46CM 2023



MY ILK ACRYLIC ON CANVAS STRETCHED OVER A TIMBER SUBFRAME 50 X 40CM 2024

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VISAGE SERIES

22 LINO PRINTS ON 190GSM ACID-FREE PAPER, ALL CUT USING A CIRCULAR SAW AND POWER DRILL, SOME EDITIONED 5+1 AND OTHERS AS UNIQUE PRINTS



SIGMA (VISAGE SERIES) PAPER: 25 X 21CM FRAME: 29 X 25CM 2022 EDITION OF 5 (+1AP)



GOD OF THE GAPS (VISAGE SERIES) PAPER: 50 X 39CM FRAME: 54 X 43CM 2022 EDITION OF 5 (+1AP)



GOO (VISAGE SERIES) 38 X 28.5CM (IN FRAME) 2024 EDITION OF 5 (+1AP)



FELIX THE HELIX (VISAGE SERIES) 34 X 27CM (IN FRAME) 2022 EDITION OF 5 (+1AP)



IRON MIKE (VISAGE SERIES) 34 X 27CM (IN FRAME) 2023 EDITION OF 5 (+1AP)



BLOCKADE (VISAGE SERIES) 29.5 X 21CM (IN FRAME) 2022 EDITION OF 5 (+1AP)



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SIMPLE JACK (VISAGE SERIES) 47 X 30.5CM (IN FRAME) 2022 EDITION OF 5 (+1AP)



KIPPY (VISAGE SERIES) 40 X 29.5CM (IN FRAME) 2022 EDITION OF 5 (+1AP)



WHALE (VISAGE SERIES) 49.5 X 39.5CM 2022 UNIQUE PRINT



TALKING HEAD (VISAGE SERIES) 46.5 X 36.5CM 2023 EDITION OF 5 (+1AP)



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