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WHAT HAPPENS WHILE YOU'RE WAITING

A solo exhibition of recent figurative paintings by Hackney-based artist David Caines.

David Caines's psychologically charged paintings bring together unlikely groups of curious and seemingly unrelated characters in carefully arranged groupings against empty backgrounds. Held to ransom by the canvas, they are forced to perform in a curious *tableau vivant*. To help them interact in this liminal state, they have an array of banal props such as masks, chairs, sticks and ropes. Sometimes this leads to dramas involving bondage or violence. These meticulously rendered encounters are awkward and ambiguous, and the aim is to evoke feelings of foreboding, melancholy and unease in the viewer. The paintings are littered with red herrings and false clues. It is left to the viewer to conjure the narrative.

"Like snapshots in a photographer's darkroom the images take root at the back of the mind, slowly developing over time into a residue more disquieting, more resonant than what we originally saw." *Mary Kate Connolly*

Biography

Born in Wakefield, Yorkshire in 1963, Caines moved to Hackney in 1990 and he continues to live and work from his home in Stoke Newington.

He has been painting since 2008, and has exhibited often in London, and regularly sells work to private collectors.

In 2009 he turned his house in North London into a gallery and opened it to the public for a fortnight.

In September 2010 he curated the exhibition 'Ordinary Monsters' in Brick Lane, London.

In 2011 he had a solo show of paintings, 'Supersingular', at BHVU, London

Opening reception: Thursday 5th February 7-10pm, Free entry

Opening hours: 6th February - 2nd March 2015, 9am-5pm, Free entry

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