

MARK OGGE CIRCUS

19 March - 13 April 2013

For centuries, even millennia, travelling fairs and circuses have roamed the world and become part of our collective imagination. They are places that appear and disappear. Loaded with symbolism and metaphor, they bring with them wondrous encounters with the mysterious. The strong man, the half man-half woman, Pierrot and acrobat are iconic characters loaded with psychological and symbolic meaning.

Throughout his career, Mark Ogge has used this iconography to create a rich imaginative landscape. Much of this has been with large commissions, including his work for international Spiegeltents around the world and Luna park in Melbourne. This exhibition brings together this imagery on a more intimate scale with beautifully executed studies of iconic fairground imagery and their characters, full of symbolism, humour, & melancholy.









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In situ on 3.7m wall



Half Man-Half Woman 2013 oil on linen 30 x 25cm



Mermaid 2013 oil on linen 30 x 25cm



Sideshow 2013 oil on linen 30 x 25cm



Strong Man and Monkey 2013 oil on linen 30 x 25cm



Snake Charmer 2013 oil on linen 35 x 25cm



Firehoop 2013 oil on linen 33 x 40 cm



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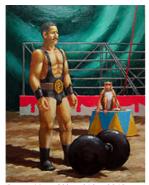
Half Man-Half Woman 2013 oil on linen 76 x 61cm



Mermaid 2013 oil on linen 76 x 61cm



Showgirl 2013 oil on linen 76 x 61cm



Strong Man, Girl and Lion 2013 oil on linen 76 x 61cm



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