



Dichotomy, by Criminy Johnson. Oil on canvas, 30 x 40 inches.

Dreaming Without Sleeping

Criminy Johnson | QRST

The Active Space opens an all-new exhibition space in its Bushwick facility with a reception for “Dreaming Without Sleeping,” a presentation of new works by Criminy Johnson | QRST, on February 24, 2012.

“**Dreaming Without Sleeping**” allows viewers to glimpse the artist’s view of our waking world: a bent, slightly pessimistic and occasionally hostile place populated by animals and people who are often reluctant to be interrupted by the viewer.

Biography

Emerging artist Criminy Johnson left the Midwest after college and spent several years in San Francisco before arriving in New York in 2007. Johnson has been living and painting in Brooklyn since 2009. His work has been exhibited locally at Brooklyn’s Mighty Tanaka gallery and Johnson’s paintings were part of the “Stay Gold” group show at the Active Space in 2011 ([click here for information](#)). His work has also been exhibited in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Atlanta. Street art by QRST has become familiar to New York viewers recently but has also appeared in New Orleans and San Francisco. QRST’s paintings have been included in exhibitions at Factory Fresh, CrestFest, and other venues.

Artist Statement

“When I was a kid, I would notice certain places that seemed to be magic. Not the sort that’s fun and safe, but something strange, something that it might not be wise to turn one’s back to. These places were almost always ordinary and pedestrian: the perpetually disused lobby of my grandmother’s condominium building, the triangle of grass and pine trees between an interstate and the on-ramp, an abandoned stone quarry. They all seemed to hum with a dim potential, and for some unfathomable reason, stood out against all of the other places that I encountered.”

Dreaming Without Sleeping

February 24, 2012 through April 20, 2012

Robin Grearson, curator.

Stone Quarry

2011
oil on canvas
36" x 24"



Basin

2011
oil on canvas
48" x 30"



Dichotomy

2010
oil on canvas
40" x 30"



Driving Out the Snake and the Crow

2011
oil on canvas
34" x 24"



Congratulations

2012
oil on canvas
12" x 18"

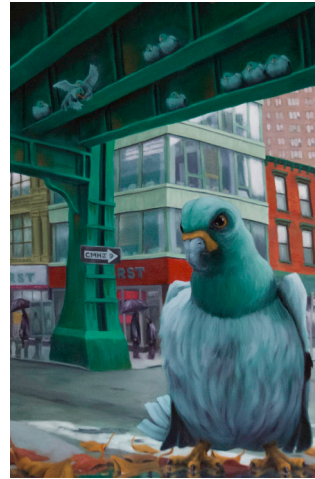
A Knot

2010
oil on canvas
48" x 35"



Narcissus

2009
oil on canvas
24" x 36"



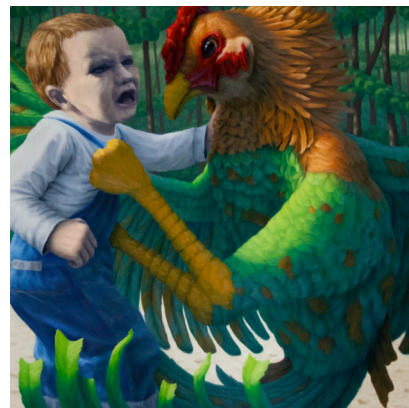
Feeder

2011
oil on canvas
17" x 20"



Formative Years

2012
oil on canvas
24" x 24"



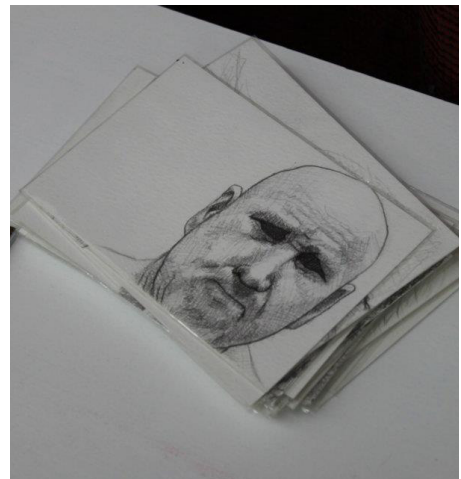
Eidola

2012
mixed media on wall
12' x 8'



Original drawings signed & numbered

2012
graphite on paper
4" x 6"



Artist Book

2012
signed
32 pages, full color

