

Rex Southwick

B.1997

Based in London, UK

Introduction

Southwick's artworks confront the idealised imagery of luxury domestic environments disseminated by digital platforms. The artist works primarily from photographs provided by Balearic and American building contractors to present the real process behind the creation of these seemingly perfect homes. Southwick uses the same bright pink ground colour for all his paintings, which gives them their saturated quality as vibrant colours offset the seemingly unremarkable subject matter. He frequently employs the modernist motif of the swimming pool but plays with its archetypal representation, choosing to render the apparently unglamorous phase of its construction.

Education

2018 BA, Fine Art, Leeds Arts University, Leeds, UK

Solo Exhibitions

2023 *Topia*, Unit London, London, UK

2020 *Purple Lands*, Unit London, London, UK

2019 *Querencia*, Unit London, London, UK

Group Exhibitions

2022 *Nassima Landau*, Tel Aviv, Israel
Art Taipei, Taipei World Trade Center, Taipei, Taiwan
Playground of Geometry, Centre of International Contemporary Art Vancouver (CICA), Vancouver, Canada

2021 *Art Taipei*, Taipei World Trade Center, Taipei, Taiwan
Rites of Passage, Unit London, London, UK

2020 *Drawn Together (online)*, Unit London, London, UK

2019 *Yong contemporaries*, Aubergine Gallery, London, UK
HSBC, private bank in colaboaration with Auc Art, London, UK
London Fashion week, Old Truman Brewery, London, UK

2018 *Rising stars 2018*, Coombe gallery, Devon, UK
AON Community Art Award, Leadenhall Building, London, UK
PURPLE LANDS, Sloane Square, London, UK
Free Range, The Old Truman Brewery, London, UK
SYZYGY, Leeds Arts University, Leeds, UK
Mine Yours, Leeds, UK

2017 *Swetshop III*, Hyde Park Book Club, Leeds, UK
Untitled Entitled, Smith Street Gallery, London, UK
Y tho, Brunswick Court, Leeds, UK

2016 *CMYK*, Regent Street, Leeds, UK

2015 *I'll Show You Mine*, Leeds, UK

Residencies

2023 Palm Springs Art Museum, CA, USA

2022 Vista Las Palmas Residency, CA, USA

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Press (selected)

- 2023 June
'The Artsy Advisor Notebook: June 2023', Artsy
- 2022 February
'Querencia' by Artist Rex Southwick', Booooooom
'Rex Southwick's paintings reveal the "invisible workforce" that build our most desirable homes', It's Nice That
- 2020 August
'The Top 5 Painting Exhibitions to see in London this Summer', FAD Magazine
'Rex Southwick born into the purple', FAD Magazine
- 2019 July
'Rex Southwick's highly saturated, hyperreal paintings explore the reality behind creating a 'perfect' life', Creative Boom
'The Paintings of Rex Southwick Comment on the Idealised Realities of Modern Life', Plain Magazine
'Unit London exhibition: Americana Incarnate meets Hagler's horrors', Fault Magazine
'False Idols', Cent Magazine
'Rex Southwick makes his first exhibition 'Querencia' at Unit London', Collateral Magazine
'Rex Southwick Deconstructs Instagram's Idealised Realities in 'Querencia' Exhibition', Hypebeast
- 2018 June
'Students' end-of-year artwork 2018', The Guardian
'Rex Southwick', Nest Magazine

Collections

- Azman Museum, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Frank-Suss Collection, London, UK
- Moore Family Collection, Randburg, South Africa
- The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (MCASD), CA, USA
- Palm Springs Art Museum, CA, USA
- Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami (ICA Miami), FL, USA
- Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA, USA