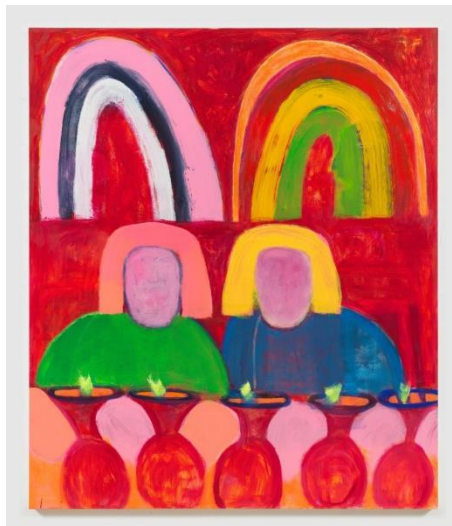


Art That Makes You Smile: 5 Exhibitions to See This Summer That Are Plain and Simple Fun for the Whole Family

Some of the most memorable art is that which brings a smile to the faces of onlookers, and, this season, there's plenty to see.

Maria Vogel, June 14, 2019

Katherine Bradford, “Legs and Stripes” at Campoli Presti



Katherine Bradford, *Wedding Ceremony* (2019). Courtesy of the artist and Campoli Presti, London / Paris.

Katherine Bradford’s fun, colorful explorations into figurative abstraction have traveled across the pond to the U.K. in her first solo show with Campoli Presti. Gleefully titled *Legs and Stripes*, Bradford adorns her canvases with various human and non-human characters while creating a reoccurring focal point of legs alongside different arrangements of stripes. As explored in past bodies of work, Bradford employs these motifs as a way to further investigate color fields in painting. The scenes are both lively and absurd: heads (some with faces and some without) appear out of a dark abyss; a cat with pointy ears and whiskers stands amongst humans; and arms detached from their bodies frantically reach out into the picture planes. Each individual work seems to tell a (mysterious and playful) story all its own.

Apart from the subject matter, the colors in Bradford’s paintings are enough to brighten any mood. Bradford employs a palette of lively hues that seem to span the entirety of the rainbow, livening up the white walls of the gallery and generating a sense of visual euphoria.

“Legs and Stripes” at Campoli Presti, London is on view through July 27th.