

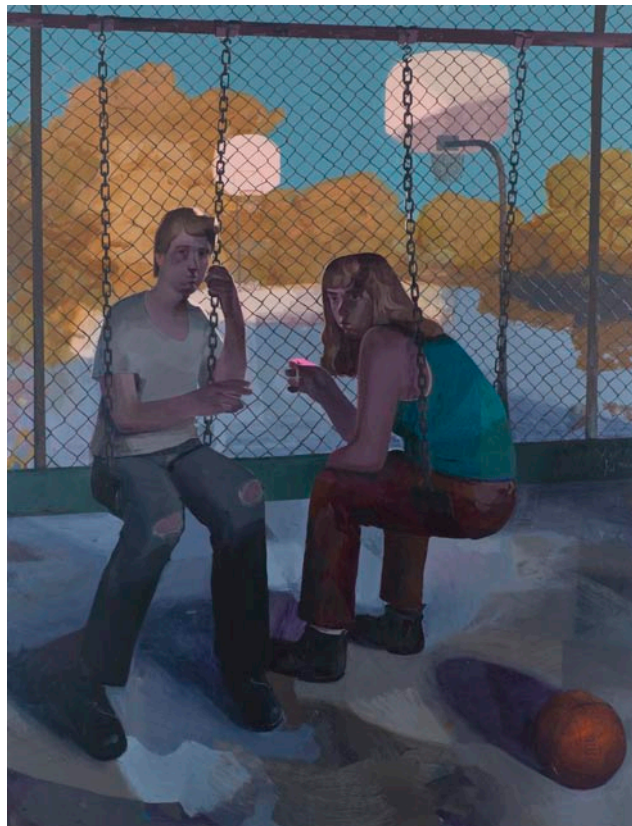
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8 Buzzworthy Artists to Watch from Felix LA

From Carmen D'Apollonio's sensuous ceramic lamps to Victor Ubah's Cubist-style portraiture, these artists are sure to be talked about long after the hip poolside fair has closed

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Matt Bollinger, *Shiner*, 2022.
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7. Matt Bollinger at mother's tankstation

Drawing from his memories of growing up in a rural community on the outskirts of Kansas City, Matt Bollinger makes paintings based on characters that he's cast in the fictional town of Holmes, Missouri. Working like a writer and illustrator creating graphic novels, which was his first interest, the artist—now based in Upstate New York—has invented subjects loosely related to friends and family for his stop-action animations, which capture a broader narrative, and his melancholic paintings, which depict a moment in time. Like characters in a sit-com about a post-industrial town in Middle America, his figures have nothing to do and nowhere to go—but in Bollinger's caring hands, the outcome is both highly empathetic and aesthetically pleasing.