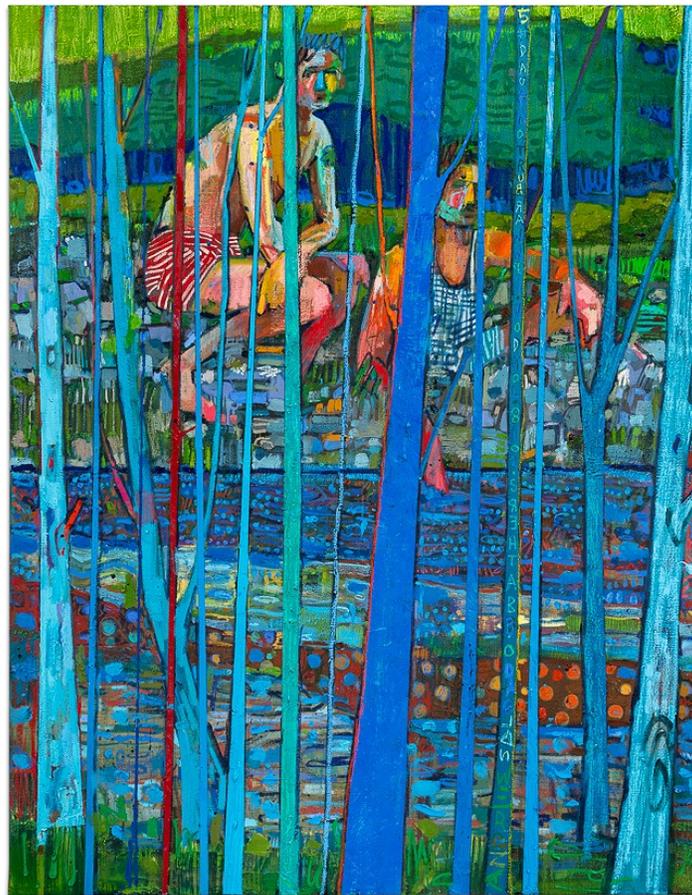PAINTING

ANDREW SALGADO'S SYMBOLIC AND EXPRESSIVE "BLUE RAINBOW"

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We've featured the works of Andrew Salgado a couple of times in the past, and are happy to announce his upcoming solo show with Angell Gallery in Toronto. Opening on October 5th, *Blue Rainbow* will be the U.K.-based Canadian artist's debut show with the gallery and will include a variety of works that are based on color blue.

While artists usually work within certain motif palette or format, Salgado took a different approach for this vibrant showcase. Taking a color that is synonymous with both the sky and the sea, vast spaces often used as metaphors for freedom and inspiration, he constructed a wide range of images around it. From portraits, landscapes, indoor and outdoor images, to symbolic and expressive pieces, the works exhibited feel both exceptionally coherent and excitingly diverse. This is the result of his personal life and efforts "cooling down" from producing work that was vocal about LGBT issues. While he still produces positive representations of gay people, he isn't seeing these works to be political but instead liberating and celebratory. Rediscovering the joy and pleasure of painting, these vibrant pieces transform energy through their rich texture and compositions.

Regularly mixing oil paint and oil pastel, the plentiful images perfectly capture the labor-intensive, but pleasurable production process behind them. "The process, the joy, the colors, the feelings I get ... I want those to be enough for me, and I want them to be enough for viewers. I've learned to stop talking about what my work is about because what others bring to it is just as important as my intentions." - says the artist about his latest works that are imbued with an atmosphere of serenity, freedom, and expansiveness.––*Sasha Bogojev*

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