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Tony JUST

Paris Syndrome

Press Release

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Opening Saturday 18th October, 6 pm – 9 pm

Galerie Maisonneuve is pleased to present Tony Just's first solo exhibition in France.

"*Paris Syndrome* brings together a selection of paintings and sculptures which evoke the atmosphere of the mind when reality or life as it is crashes into the ideal, dreams and imagination. Paris syndrome is a condition which afflicts some Japanese when they visit Paris. The imagined Paris of their mind is confronted by the actual Paris, creating a madness often requiring repatriation. My mind enjoys both – the imagined and the real.

Found images are the beginning of many of these paintings. A newspaper photo of a man dressed as Marcus Garvey, an early black leader, women walking by on the streets of Paris. A flyer for a band called 'Everyday Visuals', turned over to reveal the effects of the weather – fading, washed out colors. A found flyer of a woman head in hands.

The sculptures refer to an anti war march in New York. Signs seen during the march were taken from Guernica, Picasso's famous painting depicting the horror of war, and doves, a symbol of peace."

Tony Just was born in 1969 in Maryland, USA. He now lives and works in New York. His work has been regularly shown at Gavin Brown's enterprise (2004, 2007, 2008). He has participated in many group exhibitions, including *Painting as Fact – Fact as Fiction* at de Pury & Luxembourg in Zurich (2007), *Greater New York 2005* at P.S.1 in New York (2005) and *The New God* at Andrea Rosen's gallery (1997).

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