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LEON GOLUB: THIS DAY IS OURS

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Leon Golub will show new paintings at the Feldman Gallery in an exhibition entitled *This Day is Ours*. His work was last seen at the Feldman Gallery in 1998. The final venue of his traveling retrospective just seen at the Brooklyn Museum of Art was organized by the Irish Museum of Modern Art in Dublin. A concurrent exhibition, the final venue of a traveling exhibition organized by Bucknell University, *While The Crime is Blazing*, is at the Houghton Gallery, the Cooper Union School of Art, until September 15.

Golub has traveled a distance from the confrontational *Mercenaries* and *Interrogations* of the 1980's. However, one recognizes asymmetric slants on power, vulnerability, and our science fiction future.

Golub self-satirically calls these paintings "pseudo or crypto-metaphysical." He wanders in the collapsed spaces of modernism, irritably mixing up everything.

Leon Golub's recent works are fueled by 50 years of dedicated anger and unsentimental empathy, scrappy intelligence, and tenacity. What he gets right better than anyone is wrong-doing – actualized or internalized by politicians, soldiers, mercenaries, average Joe's, and himself. He continues to turn viewing into witnessing, with a nimble picture-making process that reconciles irritating subjects, figure fragments, cranky text, and off-handed elegance.

Stuart Horodner, Visual Arts Curator, PICA
(Portland Institute for Contemporary Art)

Golub (jointly with Nancy Spero) was awarded the 3rd Hiroshima Art Prize and retrospective exhibitions at the Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art in 1996. An installation, *Image Violence*, was mounted at the European Workshop of Arts and Culture, Hellerau, Dresden, 1998. A solo exhibition was mounted at S.M.A.K. (Stedelik Museum Voor Actuele Kunst, Ghent), 2000.

Leon Golub: Echoes of the Real by Jon Bird was published by Reaktion Books, London, 2000.

There will be a reception on Saturday, September 8 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 – 6:00. Monday by appointment. Contact Amy Bannon for more information and photographs at (212) 226-3232 or amy@feldmangallery.com.