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**KATHRYN MARKEL FINE ARTS PRESENTS AN EXHIBITION OF NEW WORK  
BY ARTIST ERIN O'BRIEN**

*These Days* features new paintings by artist Erin O'Brien in New York City  
October 27- December 3, 2022


**NEW YORK, NY — October 7th, 2022 — Kathryn Markel Fine Arts** is pleased to announce an upcoming solo exhibition of new paintings by Erin O'Brien. Erin O'Brien's work explores, but doesn't resolve, the dualities of figure and ground, certainty and uncertainty. She starts each piece with a simple line drawing, combining fragments of the body and of architecture into a hybrid composition. Her colors range from bright to muted and paint application varies from opaque to transparent. Areas of exposed linen contrast with smooth paint and function as both absences and presences within the work.

The title of the show, "These Days," is taken from Nico's version of the Jackson Browne song, O'Brien says. "The song is about loss, sadness, and regret. And while my work holds plenty of the first two, it has none of the third, and actually holds a measure of hope, too. But the title feels fitting for a show of these paintings at this time, when we've all been dealing with losses of one kind or another, and uncertainty feels like the only certainty we can rely upon."



O'Brien received her MFA from Bard College in 2003, and has since exhibited across the northeast, Georgia, Florida, and Italy. She has completed residencies at Palazzo Monti in Italy and Anderson Ranch Art Center in Colorado, among others. She lives and works in Brooklyn, NY. This is her first solo exhibition with the gallery.

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**IMAGE CAPTION**

Erin O'Brien, "*Five Year Plan*," 2022, acrylic on linen, 36 x 30 in.

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**ABOUT KATHRYN MARKEL FINE ART**

Established in 1975 with the belief that significant contemporary art can be beautiful as well as visually and intellectually rigorous, Kathryn Markel Fine Art is committed to the experience of discovery and collecting at the highest level. Committed to serving a deep network of collectors and institutions, Kathryn Markel Fine art showcases a diverse array of primary market artists, unified by excellence in their craft, compelling intellectual framework, and a love of the art-making process. <https://www.markelfinearts.com/>

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