

UCSD's Mandeville Gallery begins season with works of Houston artist Derek Boshier

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UCSD'S MANDEVILLE GALLERY BEGINS 1991-92 SEASON WITH THE WORKS OF HOUSTON ARTIST DEREK BOSHIER

Derek Boshier, a British artist who now lives and works in Houston, will present more than a dozen new paintings and works on paper in a show titled "Derek Boshier: New Paintings."

The exhibition will be on view from Sept. 28-Oct. 27, in the Mandeville Gallery, at the University of California, San Diego.

There will be a reception for the artist from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at the gallery. The artist will attend.

Boshier's paintings frequently convey political or sociopolitical concerns. Recent works such as "Bullish on War" and "American Tapestry" contain symbolism of violence and war, and challenge the viewers' thinking about these subjects. The black and gray shapes that form the background for "American Tapestry" are overlaid with blood-red silhouettes of handguns, which are scattered over the entire canvas. "Bullish on War" portrays gray and black images of soldiers in a patrol; they are flanked by an overlay of big red dollar signs.

Boshier came to the United States 11 years ago, to lecture in New York City. What began as a visit ended with a tenured position at the University of Houston where he still teaches. He is represented on the West Coast by Fahey/Klein Gallery in Los Angeles.

Boshier's professional career as an artist began in Britain, leading him into several artistic genres, including film and video. He has created costume, set and album jacket designs for pop music figures, including David Bowie and The Clash. As a prominent member of the British Pop Movement, his paintings brought him worldwide attention. He travelled widely, lecturing and exhibiting in Japan, India, Russia and Hungary.

The Mandeville Gallery is open to the public from Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Parking permits are required on the UCSD campus and may be purchased at the Gilman Drive or Northview Drive information pavilions at the north and south campus entrances. For information call 534-2864.

Note: Color slides and transparencies are available

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