

JOHN PENCE Presents TRAVIS SCHLAHT

San Francisco.....On Friday, November 8th, the **John Pence Gallery**, located on 750 Post Street in San Francisco near Union Square, will open an exhibition of recent oil paintings by **Travis Schlaht**. The gallery will host a reception for the artist on November 8th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The exhibition will remain on view to the public until November 30th.

Travis Schlaht is a graduate of The University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA., where he also starred on the school's basketball team. After graduation, he moved to New York and became affiliated with the Water Street Atelier where he developed as a painter under the mentorship of the Atelier's founder and leader, **Jacob Collins**. Now Travis not only teaches at Collins' Grand Central Academy of Art but also stands as one of the country's preeminent, emerging, realist artists. In addition to his shows here in San Francisco he has exhibited in: Houston, TX; Sag Harbor, NY; Alexandria, VA; and New York, NY.

Schlaht's Exhibition includes thirty paintings done in the last two years in Paris. While having visited Paris on numerous occasions to visit his in-laws, this sojourn involved moving his family to Paris and living there. This emerging American artist immersed himself in the grandeur, the many edifices that were in place long before the United States was born, and the nooks and crannies that make Paris such a livable city. Travis became one with Parisians and the results are monumental. A pictorial diary...this is a series of paintings that may well be remembered into the future and beyond. Just as our past American masters have memorialized their treks to London, Rome, and the south of France- this tribute to Paris merits such status.



His compositions are designed so as to draw the viewer in and keep one there. Bravura brushstrokes are impressively integrated with precise detail. The magnificent garden sculptures by Rodin, Cain, Coysevox, Coustou, and Cleve are depicted with flair and recall the rich Paris history of royalty and splendor. The longer Travis lived there, the closer he became to the subjects at hand...bridges, small streets, forests, grandiose architecture. The results are stunning.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Saturday, the gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.