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New American Paintings

17 ARTISTS (+2) TO WATCH IN 2017

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MICHAEL BERRYHILL



Berryhill is very much a painter's painter. A 2009 graduate of Columbia's MFA program, I was first introduced to his work by Sean Horton in the same year. There is a lot of struggle evident in Berryhill's paintings, and his subjects are not always easy to decipher. With a color palette that tends to favor pastel shades and a handling of paint that is, at best, loose, the surfaces of his paintings optically vibrate and confuse any sense of a figure ground relationship. One of the best paintings that I saw in all of Miami this year was by Berryhill and on display at the booth of Night Gallery at the NADA art fair (reproduced above).