

Jim Weidle Paintings

Solo Show opens at ICON Gallery April 5

A show of paintings by Jim Weidle will open at ICON Gallery on April 5th as part of the First Fridays art walk, 6:30–10 p.m. The show runs through June 15.

“Jim Weidle is one of the best artists living in Fairfield,” says ICON Director Bill Teeple. “A solo show at ICON is long overdue, and it’s my pleasure to share the incredible range of his realistic work. He truly is a painter’s painter.” Teeple says that Weidle’s work is best described by the artist himself. “I don’t think anything could set the stage for experiencing his art better than his own words,” he says.

From the artist:

Recently, I was invited to give a talk to the art students at Horace Mann School in NYC. Improvisational and even sprawling at times, I mentioned the poet Howard Nemerov who once observed: “If you want to see something, look at something else.”

I seem to trot this one out from time to time. Nemerov would appear to suggest the visible world is tricky, just a bit elusive, even fleeting. Disclosure is not direct, immediate. Perhaps the visible world reveals itself by other means.

Some say I am a “realist painter.” What does that mean? Georgia O’Keefe contends, “Nothing is less real than realism. Details are ambiguous, confusing. Content requires selecting, omitting, and emphasis



Openings, oil on canvas, by Jim Weidle

or de-emphasis.”

And Bertolt Brecht: “Realism is not what real things are like, but what things are really like.”

What do you think? The Weidle Solo Show is up at ICON in Fairfield, Iowa, for nearly three months. Remain adrift within the movement of these works for however long you can wander with them.

Painting can be a generous thing. It has the decency to hold still. Allowing the eye a tiny but wild freedom: to travel as it will.

Information about the artist is available on his website, WeidleArt.com. ICON Gallery is located at 58 N. Main Street.

Jim Weidle and two other ICON artists, Gillian Brown and Judy Bales, are now being featured in a show at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art through May 19.