



Over the Influence Presents

Francois Thevenet

*A Kiss On A Toe, A Kick On The Lip*

12 June to 24 July 2022



Francois Thevenet, *A kiss on a toe. A kick on the lip*, 2022, Acrylic and spray paint on canvas, 190 by 190 cm., 74 ¾ by 74 ¾ in, Photo courtesy of the Artist and Over the Influence.

**Over the Influence** is proud to present Francois Thevenet's debut solo exhibition *A Kiss On A Toe, A Kick On The Lip* and will be exhibited at the Los Angeles gallery space. Though French by birth, the artist has chosen to live in Buenos Aires, Argentina for the past 5 years. His oeuvre is a vibrant study of these two cultures coming together in a series of contrasting images that swing from emotional and psychological extremes—vignettes from the artist's daily life set into contemporary scenes and bright color palettes. **The exhibition will be on view at Over the Influence LA from 12 June to 24 July 2022.**

The new collection of paintings in *A Kiss On A Toe, A Kick On The Lip* consistently reveals the underlining tension between polarizing opposites that make up human consciousness and everyday existence. Painted with boldly colored brushstrokes and embracing a color scheme saturated with rich violets, lemon yellows, crimson reds, and jungle greens, the works are a celebration of life: daily personal relationships that are hallmarks of human growth, as well as the private moments that define a person and become part of their individual blueprint.

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“I think I am inspired by the nature when I miss it. When I am overwhelmed by the city. Painting scenes from a peaceful and natural place is an escape. My paintings are not a representation of one picture I saw. They are a culmination of various things that I saw in different moments in time. One painting is a hybrid of various moments”, Francois said.

“My paintings are like a synthesis of many things I saw or am inspired by, and they are from a distinct moment that happened in different times but they are all meeting on the canvas. The canvas is like a place where many memories are meeting without caring about a chronology”.

*A Kiss On A Toe, A Kick On The Lip* is the artist’s first solo exhibition in his career. Prior to this show he has been featured in group exhibitions in France, USA, and the UK. By choosing to live in Buenos Aires, Argentina and placing down roots in a city that is both culturally and scenically different from Tarbes, France where he was born has impacted his visual engagement with his external surroundings. The paintings in the exhibition are a testimony to the power of his memories and how they are gifted new life within these painted narratives. Friends, favored locales, and dogs, all populate Francois’ creative memories and are then depicted in passionate displays of colors and active scenes where everyone looks to be on the verge of leaving the artwork and joining the three dimensional, living and breathing world outside the paintings.

## **Artis Bio**

Francois Thevenet (b. 1993, Tarbes, France) has been living in Buenos Aires, Argentina for the past 5 years. His paintings explores the different contrasts that he knew in his life, moving out to a natural field in the South of France to the megalopolis of Argentinian cities. This contrast is manifested in his paintings that show different scenes that move from violent to peaceful, urban to natural, chaotic to harmonic, and ordinary to extraordinary, and all painted in contemporary narratives and vivid colors. The paintings all together show a permanent tension between all these opposing forces.

## **Exhibition Dates**

12 June to 24 July 2022

## **Location**

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