

Opening June 4: 2-4 PM



JACK BISHOP

ROAD TRIP PLAYLIST



Newzones Gallery is pleased to presents *Road Trip Playlist*, a solo exhibition by Canadian contemporary painter **Jack Bishop**.

In preparation for the upcoming exhibition, we asked Bishop the following questions about his paintings, artistic practice, and life.

1. What inspired you to include and explore the use of fluorescent and iridescent paints?

If you think about the colour wheel, fluorescent and iridescent paint almost sits outside of it, in that its not almost part of that traditional spectrum. I like the idea of how they're contemporary materials and using them the surface just becomes activated in a way.

There is a lamp that my wife has that has a clear bottom to it, and the sunlight used to come into our front window and through this lamp like a prism. So, it would shoot rainbows, projected onto our walls. And I got interested in the idea about how light is all colours, and I started to play around with the headlights as the way of illustrating the abstraction of the light and it being all the colours. A lot of these works are a jumping off point from there.

You got light in your eyes, 2022, Oil and Acrylic on Canvas, 20 x 20 in.



2. With the use of appropriated song lyrics for your titles, does the song or the painting come first? Do you pick a lyric for the title before creating a painting? Or do you paint an image first and then pick a song that feels fitting afterwards?

The appropriated song lyrics I use are pretty intuitive for the most part. Sometimes when I hear something I like just in my day to day I'll make note of it to remember for later, or things will come out in the studio from painting. A lot of the works over the course of the exhibition were completed this last winter where I had a pretty big Beatles kick watching the Get Back documentaries, so that naturally found its way into the paintings.



3. What is your wife's name? What is your dog's name?

My wife's name is Jamie, we've been together 17 years. Our dog is Ted, he is a 10-year-old husky-shepherd mix. All these paintings are basically imitating our life, it comes from a very honest place.

Oh that magic feeling, nowhere to go, 2022, Oil and Acrylic on Canvas, 48 x 96 in.

4. Being so inspired by music, what is your favourite way to listen? Radio, CDs, vinyl? Who would you say is your all-time favourite artist?

I think my favourite way to listen to music is in the car actually, it is a meditative way of traveling. I like listening to the radio too, I always put on classic rock if we're just listening to the radio at home. My music collection is pretty all over the place. If I can say my favourite artist – it's hard to narrow it down – but when I was younger, I really was interested in The Grateful Dead, that's something I keep going back to, but also for many years I've listened to Modest Mouse. I think it was something formative to me because a lot of the lyrics are about driving, and suburbia, and it sort of shaped the way I am today.