

# PRACTISE

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## Chris Dorland

### *Density Build*

5/20/17–7/2/17

### **Opening 5/20/17**

*It was as if the so-called "human" qualities had been characteristic features of a period of human history long past and were now only to be found on tombstones, as inscriptions for the dead"*

*Joseph Roth, The Silent Prophet*

PRACTISE is thrilled to present its inaugural exhibition Chris Dorland / Density Build.

Density Build continues the artist's ongoing fascination with consumer society, planned obsolescence and the ways in which rapid technological and economic changes manifest on our physical and psychic spaces.

The New York based artist will be exhibiting 3 new Acrylite paintings and a single channel video. Printing directly onto black transparent acrylic and using flatscreen TV hardware mounts as support, Dorland's new Acrylite works push the expanded possibilities of painting and it's relationship to technology in the 21st Century. The eponymously titled video, Density Build, is comprised of footage filmed on the High-Line/Hudson Yards over the last 3 months. The video explores a neighborhood that is in the process of being radically transformed from a 20th Century post-industrial wasteland into a branded architectural landscape where commodity, fetishism and symbolic capital have come together to engineer a totalizing luxury experience district.

A 32 page full color artist book will be published in conjunction with the exhibition.

**Chris Dorland (b.1978, Montreal, Canada) lives and works in New York. His work has been exhibited internationally and is currently featured in (DYS)-TROPISM at Super Dakota in Brussels. Dorland's has exhibited at Rhona Hoffman Gallery, The Suburban, Columbia College, The Neuberger Museum, The Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes Santiago among others. His work will be featured in an upcoming solo exhibition at Lyles & King in New York City. He is Director-at-Large at Magenta Plains.**

PRACTISE is an independently run artist-centered exhibition space located in Oak Park, IL directed by artist and educator Zachary Buchner. Acknowledging a long tradition of alternative spaces in Oak Park and Chicago, our goal is to continue this lineage of community and discourse.

**Hours: Sundays 1–4PM or by appointment**  
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