

## GIUSEPPE GONELLA

### Walking Home

April 8 - May 6, 2016

Opening reception: Friday, April 8, 6 - 9 PM



Giuseppe Gonella, *Walking Home*,  
2013-2016, oil on canvas, 300 x 200  
cm.

Magic Beans is pleased to present Giuseppe Gonella: *Walking Home*, the artist's first solo exhibition at the gallery. This exhibition includes recent paintings that explore the predicaments, dreams and fears that challenge contemporary humanity.

In many of Gonella's paintings in this exhibition we see a striking pathos. Post-apocalyptic, dystopian and mysterious landscapes where the uncertain horizon appears like a mirage, are fascinating and disquieting at the same time. A stormy seascape is rendered with a vibrant, dynamic and figurative style that moves towards expressionism. The element that unites many of Gonella's works is the reference to fragments of memory and fleeting visions, translated in painting through the desire to keep a distance from a strictly mimetic vision. In contrast to the approach we see on television or in social media, destined to be rapidly consumed, his process in painting seeks to deal with the themes in absolute terms in order to treat them as genuine contemporary allegories. What Gonella captures so well is the challenge intrinsic to all voyages towards salvation and

the desire for liberty that is central to human experience throughout the ages. This feeling is well expressed in the name of the exhibition, taken from the painting *Walking Home* (2013-2016), in which fluctuating shapes seem to be guided by some perpetual motion leading them to an other dimension.

Giuseppe Gonella challenges the canvas with poignant splashes of colour to make existential content emerge, seeking evocations that are both intimate and universal.

The exhibition opens Friday, April 8th and runs until May 6th, 2016. The gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday from 12pm - 6pm.