

## Paul Housley

### *The Art Lovers*

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Björkholmen Gallery is pleased to present the second solo show at the gallery with the British artist Paul Housley.

For this exhibition Paul Housley has created a body of work based around the themes of Love and Intimacy.

All the works are purposely small scale to emphasise the intimate nature of the subject and to draw the viewer into a private world that deals with the universal need of inter human contact, with physical love being it's most potent and rawest expression.

Housley sees the work as a genuine celebration of all aspects of love and does not intend to make the work voyeuristic. Many of the scenes show characters in relaxed repose, a brief liberation from the cares, restrictions and loneliness of the human condition. They cling to each other as the Artist clings to Art, attempting to touch and hold onto something solid in the vast universe, fleeting moments of meaning and passion. These moments are private but universal, the Artist tackles the task of depiction with an ambition and boldness which belies their intimate size. In Art there can be no shyness or shame, just a desire to be as alive as possible whilst in the knowledge that we rarely sustain that aim and intensity in every day life.

Paul Housley (b. 1964) lives and works in London. He received his M.A. in painting from the Royal College of Art in London in 1995. Housley has shown widely across Europe, Canada and US. Recent exhibitions in Berlin, London, Vancouver, Copenhagen, Vienna and Palermo.