OFF THE RECORD WITH...Joey Tepedino

We first met Joey Tepedino two years ago in our *SMALL WORKS* juried show where his explosively vibrant, color filled and energy fueled mixed media paintings were a big hit. We are happy to have him back with the opportunity to show bigger paintings and a larger body of work for our current exhibit *CONTAINED CHAOS* on view through January 30th. Joey is a busy guy...along with his solo show here at Jag, he is showing in a second solo show at Hal Bromm's landmark Tribeca gallery. Critics have noted that he "is an artist who deals in euphoria...creating a window into the inner workings of his own psyche through the development of a unique vocabulary. Let's hear from the man behind the this glorious mayhem himself. Buckle up!

What is your greatest extravagance?

-books and movies Buying them so I can say, "hey, I own these, look at me am I cool now?"

If you came back as a person or thing, what would it be?

-myself, but I remember everything about myself

Which living person do you most admire?

-friends and family, people who aren't lazy and David Fincher

What trait do you most deplore in yourself?

-laughing at things I don't find funny

When and where are you most happiest?

-at home drinking, having sex and smoking cigarettes

Aside from art, what talent would you most like to have?

-magnetism

What is your favorite hero in fiction?

-the film version of Tyler Durden

If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be?

-the day I'm going to die

What trait do you deplore in others?

-self help gurus. You shouldn't need motivation to do the thing you want to do especially by someone who probably hasn't done it. Also, speaking in a condescending manner. Also, bad breath.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

-being alone in a loving relationship

What is your greatest fear?

-death. I feel like I'm going to die soon but maybe they'll keep me around, keep me guessing.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

-becoming a real person

What is your favorite journey?

-to the liquor store

What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

-confidence

On what occasion do you lie?

-during interviews

What living person do you most despise?

-anyone in a position of authority

What words or phrase do you overuse?

-I feel like...

What is your greatest regret?

-listening to people who were confident

What is your most prized possession?

-my little doggie

What do you most value in friends?

-when they make me laugh

What do you consider the lowest depth of misery?

-being alone when I'm alone

Who are your heroes in real life?

-my friends who make me laugh

Who are your favorite writers?

-Charles Bukowski, Donald Ray Pollack, Patrick Süskind and Hubert Selby who wrote my favorite book "The Demon"

What is your most marked characteristic?

-mischievousness

What is is that you most dislike?

-I don't understand the question

What is your motto?

-l should have gone to bed earlier

What is your current state of mind?

-empty

What is one thing that people don't know about you that you'd like them to know.

-I can bend my pinkie sideways

What is art?

-everything