

Mario Saponaro
HOME GROWN

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Somber, familiar, humorous, and seductive, this exhibition flirts with the idea that the home, or memories of it, are both a place of sanctuary and somewhere you obscure into nothingness. *Home Grown* nurtures that connection between contradictions – the uncanny and the ordinary, the active participant and the bystander, intimacy and impotence. These images set the mood for a faithless consummation stained by the memories of a distant yet not forgotten past. This new body of work confronts its own nature, reflecting on a life being lived and the entities that influenced it. Those objects begin to cross the line of inanimacy developing a life and mind of their own, one where they succumb to failure – stunting growth evermore – watching life fly by. *Home Grown* is everything that led to the present day and onward, and yet nothing at all. It is a lifetime and a blink of an eye. Stepping inside is to make the conscious decision to either take part in it or watch it unfold in front of you.

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All works listed clockwise relative to gallery entrance.

Home Is Where Is The Heart Is?
Oil on Canvas
30" × 40"

Dick Watching
Oil on Canvas
60" × 48"

Watch, And Learn The Hard Way
Oil on Canvas
30" × 40"

Rules Of Engagement 1
Oil on Canvas
30" × 40"

The Hunt
Oil on Canvas
8" × 24"

Messy Cabinets
Oil on Canvas
10" × 30"

(From top to bottom)

Caught In The Act
Oil on Canvas
8" × 10"

Bloomed In Fidelity
Oil on Canvas
8" × 10"

Growth Stunts
Oil on Canvas
8" × 10"

Seeds of Doubt
Oil on Canvas
8" × 10"

(From top to bottom)

Rules Of Engagement 2
Oil on Canvas
24" × 8"

Table Set For Three
Oil on Canvas
24" × 8"

Rules Of Engagement 3
Oil on Canvas
24" × 8"