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RULE Gallery is pleased to present a solo exhibition of paintings and works on paper by **Paul Gillis** entitled *Otherwhere/Otherwhen* opening Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 6-9pm. The exhibition will be on view October 24 – December 6, 2014.

Great storytellers, whatever the medium, have the ability to take the common themes of human existence and place them in alternative settings and situations as a way to explore our sense of self and connect us to each other. Both Kafka and Vonnegut come to mind. Colorado artist Paul Gillis accomplishes the same thing by narrating his stories with oil paints and watercolors.

Staging complex scenes using all of human history, from ancient alphabets and imagery such as the Tower of Babel to robotic protagonists and supernatural landscapes, Gillis explores the idea that as much as our surroundings change, humans remain the same. His chimeras, positioned in surreal situations, tell the familiar story of people seeking their place in the world and with each other.

#### **On view**

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Tuesday –Saturday 12-6p and by appointment

#### **About Paul Gillis**

Paul Gillis was born in Argentina and raised in Los Angeles, CA. He moved to Colorado 1967 and received his BFA from University of Colorado Denver and his MFA from the University of Colorado Boulder. In the 1960's he became associated with a group of significant Colorado artists working in Boulder, which included Clark Richert, Margaret Neumann, George Woodman, John Fudge, Joe Clower and Charlie DiJulio. A few years later Gillis, along with Andy Libertone, joined 12 other artists in founding the first artists co-operative gallery in Denver: Spark Gallery. His work has been displayed in numerous solo and group exhibitions in galleries and museums including the Denver Art Museum, Boulder Center for the Visual Arts, Museum of Contemporary Arts Denver, and the Singer Gallery, Denver. His work has also shown in Santa Fe, NM; Austin, TX; San Francisco, CA and San Diego, CA.

**RULE Gallery** permanently reopened in June 2014 at 3254 Walnut Street, Denver, Colorado in the RINO Arts District. The gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday 12-6pm and by appointment.