

# CINDY LISICA

## GALLERY

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**TRAVIS K. SCHWAB**

*hard to be a god*

**Exhibition Dates:** February 15<sup>th</sup> - March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Opening Reception:** Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30PM

**Gallery Hours:** Tuesday - Saturday 11:00AM-5:30PM



Travis K. Schwab, *A Brief History of Time*, 2018  
Oil on canvas, 30 x 24 inches

Cindy Lisica Gallery presents the newest oil on canvas paintings by Travis K. Schwab in his solo exhibition, *hard to be a god*. The always thought-provoking artist takes on our human drive to attain fame and admiration. His awareness of and commentary on a sense of discontent with the self is a mix of harsh reality with spectral beauty, intensity and satire. Daily life, films and social media are seen through the lens of celebrity-saturated culture. This powerful exhibition reveals the pressure and effects of the super ego, the clash of the public persona with the inner states of the mind, as well as emotional and religious overtones.



Travis K. Schwab (b. 1984, Wichita, KS) currently lives in Pittsburgh, where he has held highly-praised exhibitions at The Andy Warhol Museum, Silver Eye Center for Photography, Point Park University, and Revision Space Gallery. He graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh in 2005 and has since been included in a number of exciting institutional and juried shows. Schwab's compelling paintings have been highlighted in a number of prominent publications, including *New American Paintings* and *The New Republic*, where his blurred portrait depiction of JFK was a full page feature. His artwork has appeared on the cover of *UNSAID Literary Journal*, as well as in *PaperCity Magazine* and as a "Must See Exhibit" in *LOCAL Houston* (2016). He was selected as one of "30 Under 30 Groundbreaking Artists" in *Art Business News* (2013), and his work can be found in truly impressive private collections across the country from Los Angeles to Houston to New York and internationally.