

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## Ivan Plusch

*The Promise of Eternal Life*

March 9 to April 27, 2019  
Opening Reception: Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Deborah Colton Gallery** is pleased to present *Ivan Plusch: The Promise of Eternal Life*, a solo exhibition featuring accomplished, young Russian artist, Ivan Plusch. This exhibition is the first solo exhibition of Ivan Plusch's work in the United States. The exhibition opens Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, with a public reception from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Ivan Plusch will be attending the reception and greeting our guests.

Ivan Plusch, born in 1981, is a young Russian artist on the rise and is part of the Nepokorionnye Group. He is based in St. Petersburg and has studied in various art schools including the State Academy of Art and Design, the Roerich Art School and the PRO ARTE Institute. Ivan Plusch's work has been exhibited throughout Russia and worldwide including in France, Italy, the Netherlands, South Korea, the United Kingdom and the Balkans. His work is in prestigious private and public collections world-wide

Ivan Plusch finds the visual interpretation of eternal life as a phenomenon in his works. His characters appear to be in the ordinary reality, which is depicted mechanically through the creation of sponge pattern or monotonous destruction of the background. These characters become the flow of paintings which is symbolizing the moving of time and impossibility to stay in one place or in one moment forever. He suggests that humans who are able to create around them their own, imaginary protective world that takes them from the ordinary reality to the virtual space have the hope to live in this vision forever, whereby they can remain in one point in time and may they may feel the promise of eternal life.

Struggling with mild autism since childhood, Plusch has a special perception on life that is original and inspiring. His success as an artist reveals that we all can identify with how important it is to slow down and appreciate each interaction, each moment and cherish our best memories in our hearts forever.

**Deborah Colton Gallery** is founded on being an innovative showcase for ongoing presentation and promotion of strong historical and visionary contemporary artists worldwide, whose diverse practices include painting, works on paper, sculpture, video, photography, performance, conceptual future media and public space installations. The gallery aspires to provide a forum through connecting Texas, national and international artists to make positive change.