

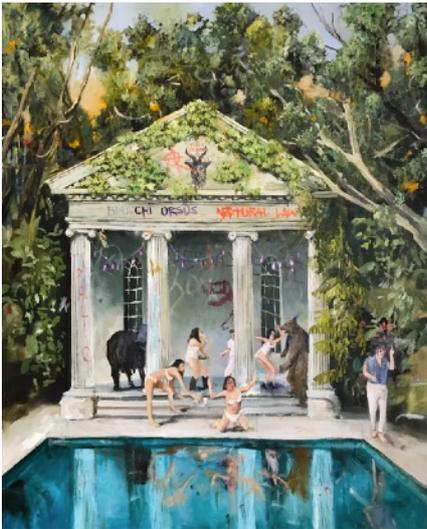
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### The Last Days of Soft Machine

Austrian artist Philip Mueller continues to expand the universe around his 2017 *Black Flamingo Sad Boys* series, which features characters that made their way from the Alps to the Italian island of Santo Stefano. In 2019, Mueller presented *Beach Resort Tiberio*, which imagined these characters now living in wild abandon on the island.

In *The Last Days of Soft Machine* the latest and last iteration of the resort series, the artist shows the undoing of these figures in a final celebration of excess. In one painting, *Dogdays at Santo Stefano*, the characters live out their last days of revelry in vandalised and neglected structures.