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Eric Brown Punctuate



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RECEPTION Friday September 8, 6-9 PM
GALLERY HOURS FRIDAYS 1-8, SATURDAY-SUNDAY 1-6 PM

"Eric Brown is one of the practitioners of this new way of exploring what critic Raphael Rubinstein calls "a sensual conundrum of figure/ground confusion." Brown's lavishly orchestrated but single-mindedly analytical paintings offer the latest, most efficient way of "having it all."

- John Ashbery

Theodore:Art is pleased to present Punctuate, our first solo exhibition of work by painter Eric Brown.

Eric Brown creates paintings that offer meditations on the grace and joy of the imperfect. Brown employs a pithy visual syntax of a reductive palette and simple geometric form. Flat thin planes of saturated color abut each other abruptly, or slide over previously painted shapes. Brown leaves visible earlier adjustments, suggesting a kind of visual memoir of the gestation of the painting. The works are confident and vibrant, unexpectedly whimsical and yet ruminative, with a complex tension hinting at an inner depth that belies the matte surfaces.

Eric Brown (b. New York, NY, 1967) received a BA in studio art from Vassar College. In his most recent work compositions are reduced to two or three shapes and two or three colors. His work has been reviewed in Artnews, artcritical, Hyperallergic, and The East Hampton Star. The art critic Raphael Rubinstein wrote "... [Brown] uses his distinctive gift for surprising juxtapositions of color to achieve a sensual conundrum of figure/ground confusion." Brown was a visiting artist/scholar at the American Academy in Rome in 2015 and a recipient of a MacDowell Colony Fellowship in 2016. An exhibition of the artist's work was presented in 2015 at the Palmer Gallery at Vassar College. His work was the subject of a solo exhibition at Crush Curatorial Chelsea in 2016. This year his paintings have been included in several gallery exhibitions including at Philip Slein Gallery in St. Louis and Galerie Jean Fournier in Paris.

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