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**Heather Gaudio Fine Art** is pleased to present its upcoming exhibition “Turns of Phrase” featuring sculpture by John Clement and paintings by Matthew Heller. The exhibition will be held June 4-July 9, with an opening reception for the artists on Saturday, June 11 from 5-7pm.

**John Clement** brings color and monumentality to three-dimensional curvilinear forms made of steel. A disciple of Mark di Suvero and John Henry, two of the most renowned sculptors of our time, Clement learned the art of welding, rigging and engineering, and developed a keen understanding for large-scale public artworks. He skillfully coils and welds long steel pipes to form deceptively simple yet elegant ellipses, accentuating surrounding architecture or landscape with pops of bright color. Arcs, angles and intersecting lines imply movement and create playful doodles on positive and negative spaces. Based in New York City, Clement has had numerous exhibitions and public commissions across the United States and abroad. The exhibit will showcase sculptures in different sizes that can be placed in or outdoors.

Also included in the show is the language-based artwork of **Matthew Heller**, an artist who resides in Los Angeles. Heller draws from a personal narrative for inspiration, using a visual form favored by Conceptual artists during the 1960s. His paintings replace imagery with poems or lyrics, words painted on canvas in the form of printed text. Some of the prose comes from his own writings, others from poems or songs by cultural legends such as John Lennon and David Bowie. The language gets re-contextualized and can be interpreted not only for what it states but how the typography occupies the space on the canvas. Other works in the show focus on a particular word, either repeated multiple times on the canvas, or painstakingly painted to deceive the viewer into thinking it is done with materials other than paint.

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**Heather Gaudio Fine Art** specializes in emerging and established artists, offering painting, works on paper, photography and sculpture. The gallery provides a full-range of art advisory services, from forming and maintaining a collection, to securing secondary market material, to assisting with framing and installation. The focus is on each individual client, selecting art that best serves his or her vision, space, and resources. The six exhibitions offered every year are designed to present important talent and provide artwork appealing to a broad range of interests. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday; 10:30am to 5:30pm; and by appointment.

For more information and/or high-res images, please contact Rachael Palacios, [rachael@Heathergaudiofineart.com](mailto:rachael@Heathergaudiofineart.com).



John Clement, *Gibby*, 2016

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boom boom boom chanting boom boom  
boom ride with me you rushing towards me  
breathing heavy sweating crying holding a  
set of twins in your handsome arms gripping  
those two little girls with pure love your  
Annoyance the agency is real you have  
my attention in with you boom boom boom  
less ride boom boom boom unforgettable  
memories of horror change that honor  
you are scared switch that sacred  
riding to the edge of reason pushing  
stupidity off a cliff fighting mediocrity  
with passion honesty will survive harmony  
awaken in this tired place return  
these grounds into an endless garden  
of charity boom boom boom  
into the sunset

Matthew Heller, *Urgency*, 2011-12, acrylic with graphite fingerprints on canvas