

HEATHER GAUDIO FINEART

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MATTHEW HELLER (b. 1974)

Los Angeles based artist Matthew Heller draws from personal narratives for inspiration, using a visual form dating back to René Magritte and later favored by conceptual artists during the 1960s. Heller's paintings replace imagery with phrases, poems, lyrics or single words painted on canvas in the form of printed text. The source to his prose may come from his own writings, while other texts quote songs by cultural legends such as John Lennon and David Bowie. Language gets re-contextualized and can be interpreted not only for what it states but how the typography occupies the space on the canvas. Heller's canvases are painstakingly applied, and some can deceive the viewer into thinking they are created with materials other than paint.

EDUCATION

1996 B.F.A. University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

SOLO

- 2009 *The Great*, Galerie Anais, Bergamot Station, Santa Monica, CA
- 2008 *Everything is a Love Story*, DCA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 *One Million Colors*, DCA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2006 *You Are Everything*, Glu Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2005 *Coming and Going*, The Jaxon House, Venice, CA

GROUP

- 2020 *Summer Selection*, Heather Gaudio Fine Art, New Canaan, CT
- 2019 *Camerich Revisited*, D2 Art, Inglewood, CA
- Garden Party... works by Matthew Helleer + Tony Brown*, D2 Art, Inglewood, CA
- 2016 *Turns of Phrase*, Heather Gaudio Fine Art, New Canaan, CT
- Visual Chronicles*, Salt Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2012 *Incognito*, SMMOA, Santa Monica, CA
- 2010 *Marine Salon #7*, Marine Art Salon, Santa Monica, CA
- On Paper*, George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 *Incognito*, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA
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- 2006 *16th Biennial Auction*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
- 2005 *Tiger Tiger Rain Rain*, Curated by Heller at The Jaxon House, Venice, CA
- 1997 *Recent Work: Tom Fruin and Matthew Heller*, Gallery 1434, Santa Barbara, CA

SELECTED COLLECTERS

Madonna
Olivia Wilde
Courtney Cox
Molly Sims
Gwyneth Paltrow