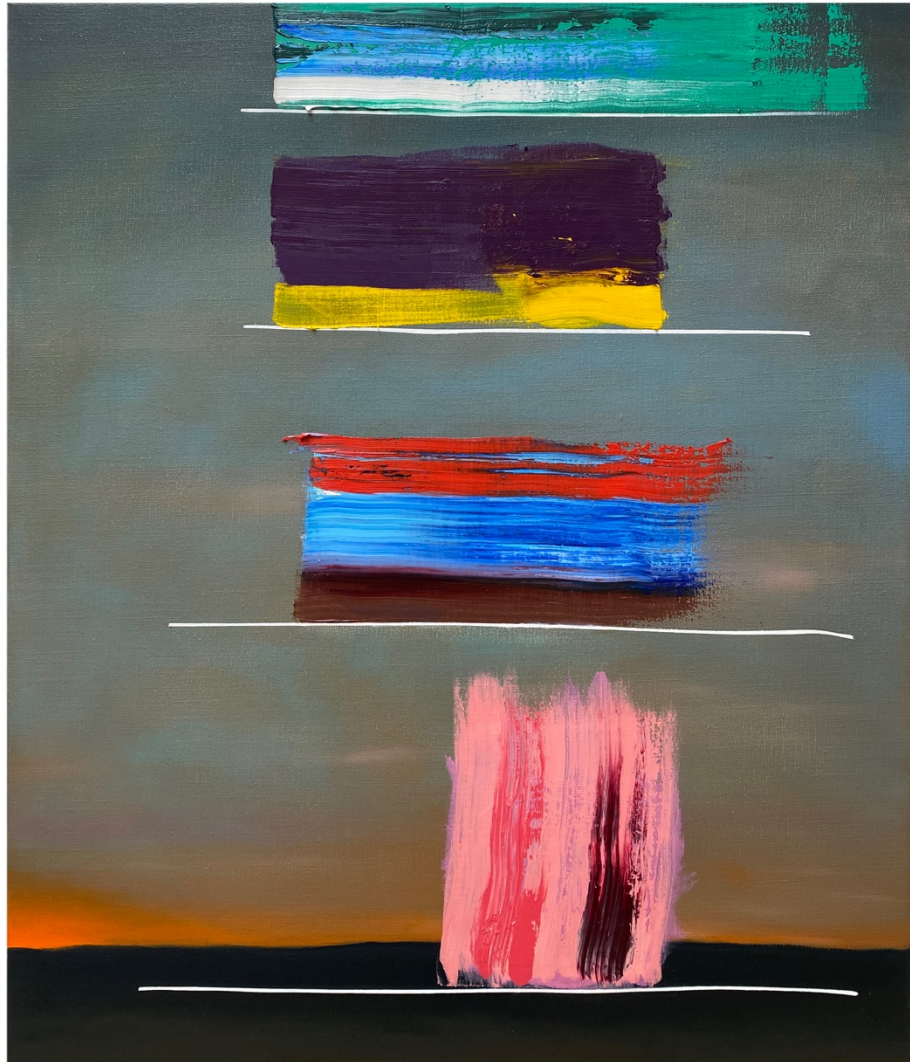


# **Will Henry**

## ***Watching Paint Dry***

July 11 – October 4, 2020



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Will Henry's exhibition, *Watching Paint Dry*, features recent paintings that continue the artist's exploration of the landscape, abstraction, and mark making. Henry's work is rooted in the history of painting and features atmospheric landscapes with constellations of marks floating on their surface. His gestural swipes of color are the subject of Henry's work and create a low-fi trompe l'oeil effect, with the cropped sections of the landscape serving as a backdrop for an unfolding narrative. Henry's connection to these sparse vistas is uprooted by an overlay of lines, swipes, and scribbles, echoing the gestures made on the screens through which we often experience these spaces in contemporary life.

Will Henry is an artist based in Houston, TX. He received his BFA from the University of Texas at Austin in 1997. His work has been included in exhibitions throughout Texas over the past twenty years, including solo exhibitions at Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston; the Southwest School of Art, San Antonio; and the Old Jail Art Center, Albany. Henry was a finalist for the Texas Prize in 2012 at the Austin Museum of Art. His work is in the collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and the Old Jail Art Center, Albany. He is represented by Hiram Butler Gallery in Houston, TX.

**[willhenryartist.com](http://willhenryartist.com)**

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Checklist

All works are courtesy of the artist and Hiram Butler Gallery.



*Speaking in Tongues*, 2019

Oil on linen

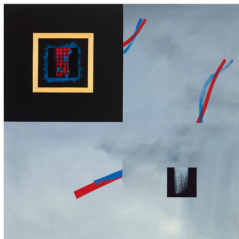
22" x 60"



*Painting*, 2019

Oil on linen

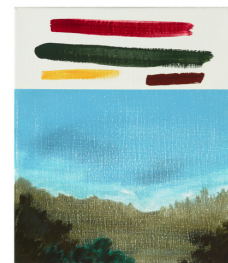
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*Flailing*, 2020

Oil on canvas

72" x 72"



*Painting for Porter*, 2019

Oil on linen

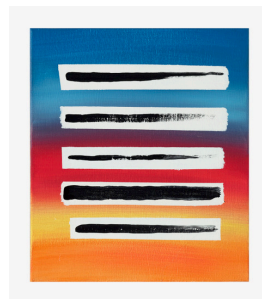
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*Untitled*, 2019

Oil on linen

18" x 16"



*Sunset Strips*, 2019

Oil on linen

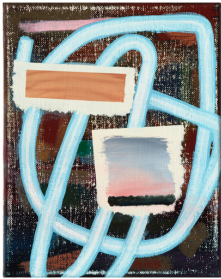
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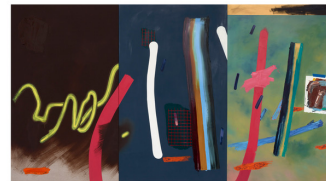
*Collage*, 2019  
Oil on linen  
10" x 8"



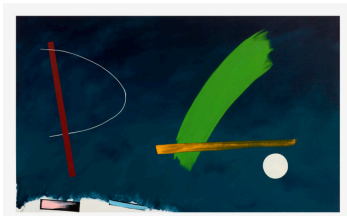
*Psychic Carwash*, 2020  
Oil on canvas  
60" x 48"



*Thumbnails*, 2019  
Oil on linen  
10" x 8"



*Party Line*, 2018-2020  
Oil on canvas and linen  
59" x 108" (2 parts – 59" x 36" and 72" x 36")



*The New Constellations*, 2019  
Oil on canvas  
59" x 98"



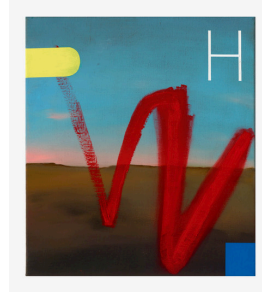
*Chyron*, 2019  
Oil on linen  
29" x 28"



*Nightlite*, 2019  
Oil on linen  
24" x 30"



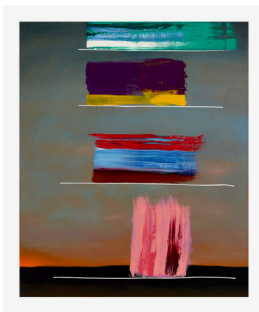
*Flag*, 2019  
Oil on linen  
27" x 42"



*Eponymous*, 2019  
Oil on linen  
18" x 16"



*Finger Painting*, 2020  
Oil on canvas  
84" x 60"



*Speed Trap*, 2019  
Oil on linen  
36" x 30"

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## **Education**

1997 Bachelor of Fine Arts, The University of Texas, Austin, TX

## **Solo Exhibitions**

2018 "Surface Tension", Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2016 "Remote Viewing", Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2016 "Remote Viewing", Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX  
2014 "Picture Plein", Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2012 "New Work", Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2011 "Desert Solitaire", Old Jail Art Center, Albany, TX  
2009 "Southwestern Painting", Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2007 "All Of My Friends Are Going To Be Strangers", Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2004 "New Drawings", Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX

## **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2018 "All Tomorrow's Parties", Charlotte Street Foundation, Kansas City, MO  
2016 "Twenty Five a Celebration", Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX  
2015 "I Saw The Light", Williams Tower, Houston, TX  
2013 "ac qui sit ions", Old Jail Art Center, Albany, TX  
2013 "Texas Biennial", Blue Star Art Space, San Antonio, TX  
2012 "Mapping Galveston", Galveston Artist Residency, Galveston, TX  
2012 "Texas Prize Exhibition", AMOA-Arthouse, Austin, TX  
2012 "Mirage", James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2012 "Observed Imagined Abstracted", Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2011 "Night", Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2009 "Collected Works", Inman Gallery, Houston, TX  
2008 "Horizon Line", Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2007 "Pushing The Envelope", William's Tower Gallery, Houston, TX  
2005 "Summer Paper", Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2004 "Registration Marks", Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX  
2003 "Miniatures", Hooks Epstein Gallery, Houston, TX  
2003 "Way To Blue", Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2003 "White Hot", Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
2000 "The Big Show", Lawndale Arts Center, Houston, TX

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## **Selected Collections**

The Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX  
Old Jail Art Center, Albany, TX

## **Awards**

Merit Award, University of Texas at Austin 1995  
Finalist 2012 AMOA/Arthouse Texas Prize