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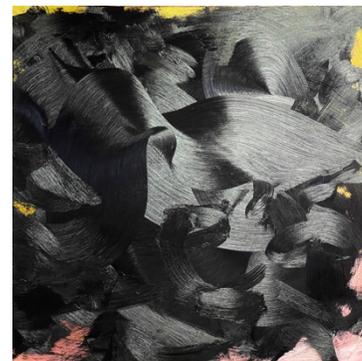
JAMES AUSTIN MURRAY

“Undercolor”

Online Exhibition @ Artsy & OnlineViewRoom.com

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Kasper Contemporary is pleased to present **“Undercolor,”** a brand new series of gestural abstract paintings by **James Austin Murray**.



Undercolor 72-1, 2021, Oil on panel,
72 x 72 in / 183 x 183 cm

Color theory is where science and art collide. Science tells us that color is a specific reflected spectrum. There are theories of color and psychological function, theories of color interaction, and we know that color perception is also cultural.

Black as a color represents the full absorption of the color spectrum and paradoxically the absence of any spectrum. Something we can witness in the black of the night sky, where light is no longer in the visible spectrum. Black is unique among colors.

About the series, Murray says, “As an artist, a portion of my studio practice is spent exploring new concepts and ideas outside of my apparent body of work. This is when I pull out my misfit toys and play. My Undercolor paintings came from this practice as I attempted to push my work further from simply non-objective abstraction into the realms of portraiture and landscape abstraction. Something I was only able to accomplish to my satisfaction by playing black against color.”

James Austin Murray is a graduate of Parsons School of Design, New York, NY (1992). He has exhibited throughout the United States and abroad. He is a recipient of the Dedalus Foundation Fellowship Award for residency at The Vermont Studio Center, VT and has completed residencies at The Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild in Woodstock, NY and Bermis Center for Contemporary Art in Omaha, NE. Murray’s work is found in public collections such Sofitel (Philadelphia, PA), Hotel Palomar (Philadelphia, PA), Four Seasons Hotel (Washington, D.C.), Omni Hotel (Nashville, TN) and Tom Ford (Designer) among many others. Murray lives and works in Piermont, NY.

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