



**Douglas Leon Cartmel**

***WHITE NOISE***

**January 7 – March 18, 2017**

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Holly Johnson Gallery is pleased to announce an upcoming solo exhibition by Dallas based artist Douglas Leon Cartmel. The exhibition titled *WHITE NOISE* marks the artist's solo debut at the gallery and features a selection of new paintings that will include white noise paintings, seascapes and abstractions. *WHITE NOISE* will be on view from January 7 through March 18, 2017. A reception will be held on Saturday, January 7 from 5-8 p.m.

The *White Noise* paintings are based on graphic mapping of actual atmospheric spectral data, which can be interpreted as acoustic or color spectrum maps, where the total range of 'tone' is equally distributed throughout the field. (The use of the term white noise is used in many fields of study, from sound engineering to statistical mathematics.)

Cartmel's paintings draw on these visual models to create the initial formal structure of the painting, while the physical brushstroke creates another layer of atmosphere. In addition to this, is a third layer which one could call metaphysical. That is, the white noise is a picture of something real beyond schematics and brushstrokes – and this is where the artist wonders over the meaning of authorship, and who or what is really guiding the work.

Douglas Leon Cartmel was born in 1971 and currently lives and works in Dallas, Texas. He studied architecture and painting at the University of Texas at Arlington and received a Bachelor of Science in Architecture. Cartmel's works have been exhibited in galleries and museum shows in Dallas as well as exhibitions in Los Angeles and New York and has work in many public and private collections including the Dallas Museum of Art and the Goss-Michael Collection.

Cartmel's work has been featured in *FD Magazine*, *D Home Magazine*, *Papercity*, the *New American Paintings Vol. 72* as well as the 2006 *TWO X TWO Catalogue of Works*.

Holly Johnson Gallery is located in the Dallas Design District at 1845 Levee St. #100, Dallas, Texas 75207. Gallery hours are 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday-Saturday and by appointment. For more information about this exhibition please call 214-369-0169, email [info@hollyjohnsongallery.com](mailto:info@hollyjohnsongallery.com), or visit [www.hollyjohnsongallery.com](http://www.hollyjohnsongallery.com).

