



DOUGLAS LEON CARTMEL

SNOWY FOREST

NOVEMBER 18, 2023 – FEBRUARY 10, 2024

OPENING RECEPTION:

Saturday, November 18, 4 – 7 pm

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Holly Johnson Gallery is pleased to announce an upcoming solo exhibition by Dallas based artist Douglas Leon Cartmel. The exhibition titled *SNOWY FOREST* features a selection of new paintings including winter scenes and abstractions. The exhibition will be on view from November 18, 2023 through February 10, 2024. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, November 18th from 4-7 p.m.

Cartmel's new paintings explore the wonder as well as the naturally occurring abstractions held within these snowy forest landscapes. The impressionistic paintings emphasize the textures and shapes of the random snow-covered trees and human-like limbs. The surfaces of the works have been further manipulated, pushing the imagery towards abstraction and referencing the movement and the motion of a constantly changing environment. The paintings are more than just a static picture or photograph, but a gesture, turning these isolated places into archetypes of adventure and the discovery of the other worldly.

The snowy forest body of work is rounded out with the addition of several abstract paintings that reference possible viewpoints into this naturalistic world, a window or small structure, further exploring our relationship with this rough setting through the architectural notion of the inside versus outside and our desire for shelter and protection in the midst of these beautiful yet often times extreme types of environments.

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 his work is included 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 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, or visit www.hollyjohnsongallery.com.