

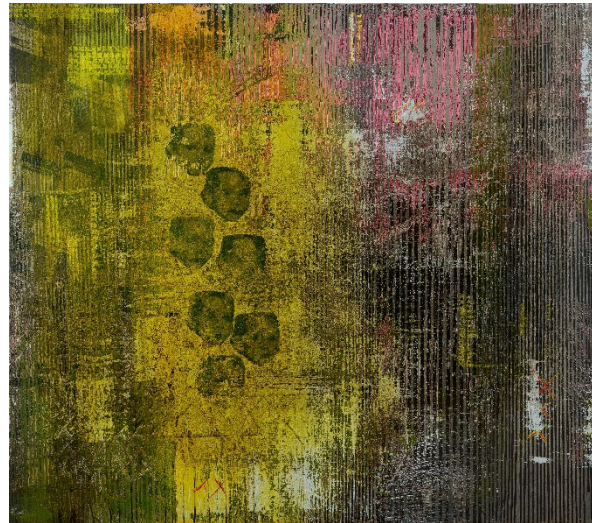
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***Frame of Mind***  
***Joel Patry***

March 17 – March 24, 2022  
325 10 Ave SW,  
Calgary, AB, T2R0A5



Joel Patry, *NYT*, 2019  
Oil and acrylic on canvas, 70 x 62 inches  
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AT Art & Interiors and Wigalo Holding Ltd. are pleased to present, *Frame of Mind*, a solo exhibition featuring a series of abstract artworks by Canadian artist Joel Patry (Calgary, AB). Curated by Allison Thompson, of AT Art & Interiors, the exhibition is a review of how Patry’s work interprets the relationship between natural and urban environments.

The exhibition opens March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and runs until March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 325 10 Ave SW, in Calgary, AB, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm each day. All works will be available for purchase.

Joel Patry’s captivating abstract paintings utilize vibrant colours and bold textures to create speculative and imaginative landscapes. His work possesses a punchy playful energy, created through meticulous line work, masterful colour gradation, and layers of recognizable motifs. Patry blurs and distorts images of trucks, machines, people, and animals, experimenting with scale and proportion, to explore the balance between nature, memory, and relationships. According to the artist, “the work can be youthful, vital, intriguing while also displaying moments of chaos, confusion, and instability. This is me accepting how life is. That there is no way to have one side without the other.”

Allison Thompson, curator of the show, adds:

*“In this solo exhibition, Frame of Mind, artist Joel Patry plays around with texture, movement and colors in his paintings. To me the paintings display his acute awareness of approaching painting with not only a distinct design aesthetic in mind and technical expertise but also thought-provoking conceptual ideas. He is looking to change the painting narrative in Canada with an advanced contemporary feel you see in markets like New York City. The result is not only providing a refreshing perspective to the Canadian art market, but it also creates wonder. We invite you to be part of Joel’s artistic journey.”*

*Frame of Mind* features works of the artist's large and small scale paintings, some of Patry's most celebrated body of work, presented for the first time in Calgary. These paintings involve aspects of human relationships to one another, their surroundings and self-reflection. The artist speaks about his work as follows: "The works create landscapes that may involve urban or natural attributes, yet strives to include a new perspective, which cannot always be perceived as a natural occurrence that would be in the real world."

Joel Patry is a graduate of the Emily Carr University of Art + Design where he majored in Painting and Film History. His work has been exhibited extensively in public galleries and private collections across Canada. In 2010, he received the Vancouver General Hospital and University of British Columbia Hospital Foundation Idea Art Award, an award given to an artist whose work connects visual arts to the health care sector, promoting healing and humanizing clinical spaces.

**Opening: March 17, 2022, 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Gallery hours: March 17 – March 24, 2022, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, and by appointment.**

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