



## **BARRY WHISTLER GALLERY**

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Barry Whistler Gallery announces the group show, *On Screen / Off Screen: Contemporary Painting and Technology*, featuring 25 two-dimensional works by southwest artists, Kate Petley (CO), Lorraine Tady (TX), and Liz Troser (TX), June 5- July 31.

Petley, Tady, and Troser all integrate digital means while exhibiting a primary interest in the interaction of shape, color, and line. Though their techniques are varied, each embraces abstraction as a signature mode and exults in the gregarious use of hue.

Petley collapses sculpture, painting, and photography. Taking pics of self-created 3-D constructions, she prints them large, then paints over them. Tady takes this second part of this game into multiple iterations, starting the manifestation process by designing images in Adobe Creative Suite, or through a drawing or painting. She then puts the pic into digitalia via photo, or, if it was born as pixels, makes it analog through a printer, then fidgets with it some more—with paint, paintstick, chalk, or almost any means to make a mark. She repeats this process—crossing the analog/digital line—as many as six times. Troser leans more toward the other half of Petley's method. Beginning with skeins of brightly-painted, air-dried clay, Troser takes pictures of clay-tube masses, shifts the color and composition in cyberspace, then prints out brightly-colored works in which these tubes of clay play over the canvas like multi-hue gestural marks.

Though working in a traditional mode—presenting works that use the illusion of a window stuck on a wall—each artists updates the medium of drawing/printing/painting by mashing together digital means with pre-computational ones. This tech strategy was foreshadowed when two of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's great titans first stormed this ragged beachhead: Marcel Duchamp took pictures and painted on them; Picasso pasted patterned wallpaper and newspaper clippings on his canvases, often painting over them, and sometimes copying their appearance for use as major or minor subject matter in the remainder of his canvases.

Of course, computer graphics did not become an art genre til the 1950s, but the the artists in this show--like Picasso and Duchamp--plumb new founts of visual expression by intermixing artistic mediums and using new rendering tools—some of which have only come available in our century.

### **KATE PETLEY**

The subject of Petley's gaze is of particular interest here: her 2-D works build from subject matter that's already 2-D and already abstractly arranged. She paints paper sheafs, arranges them, then captures the three-dimensional composition photographically. Then she prints the image, and paints on it. It's a layering of means that includes the play of color, pixels, physical pigment, and two-dimensionality throughout.

Her recent solo shows include *Staring Into the Fire*, the University of Colorado Art Museum, Boulder CO; *The Very Thing*, the Von Lintel Gallery, LA; and *Since Then*, the Robischon Gallery in Denver. She is a Ucross Foundation Fellowship recipient and has received an NEA Rockefeller Foundation Grant. She's received numerous public art commissions and her work can be found in numerous publications, museum, and corporate collections.

Born in New York, Petley lives and works near Boulder, Colorado.

### **LORRAINE TADY**

Lorraine Tady's works are collages of personal investigative processes. Drawing, digital manipulation, printmaking, and painting all appear in her analytical, line-based canvases. Sometimes, Tady borrows from sources like architectural plans, radar images, or the yellow line on a tarmac. As she creates marks via drawing or etching, she translates this visual vocabulary by expanding or changing marks computationally, shifting color, and repeating motifs from work to work.

Tady is an associate professor of visual arts at the University of Texas, Dallas. Recent shows include, *The Adjacent Possible*, the Muscarelle Museum of Art, Williamsburg, VA; *Texas Women: A New History of Abstract Art*, the San Antonio Museum of Art; and *MULTILAYER – Vision 2020*, the Stiftung Konzeptuelle Kunst, Soest, Germany. She won a Kimbrough Award from the Dallas Museum of Art in '93, a Ruth and Harold Chenven Foundation Grant in 2010, and the Dozier Travel Grant in 2015—which took her to Iceland. Like Petley, Tady's work can be found in dozens of publications, museums, and corporate collections.

Tady lives and works in Dallas, TX.

### **LIZ TROSPER**

Trosper investigates the contemporary tension between image and material reality. Her pieces evoke the glow of the screen without employing one. She enjoys blurring the inorganic of the pixilated image, making work that is fun as and bewildering. Trosper's use of highly saturated, bursting color expresses a sense of play, steering clear of what's painful or tragic.

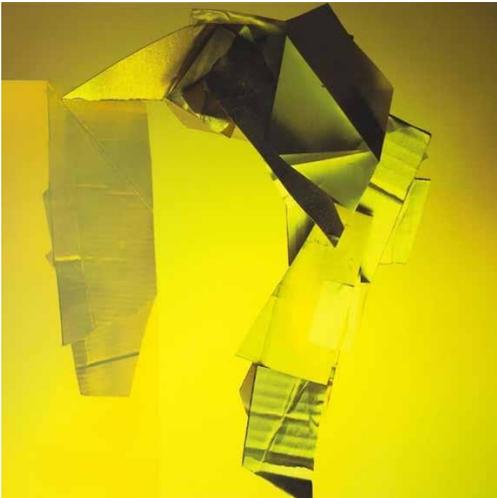
She is an assistant professor of instruction at the School of Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication at UT, Dallas. Recently, she exhibited in *Texas Women: A New History of Abstract Art*, the San Antonio Museum of Art; The Wilcox Space, Dallas; and the Bernice Coulter Templeton Gallery, Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth; and the Academic Gallery, New York. She was a grad-resident at CentralTrak: The UT Dallas Artist's Residency from 2013-2015.

Liz Trosper lives and works in Dallas, Texas.

## **IMAGERY**



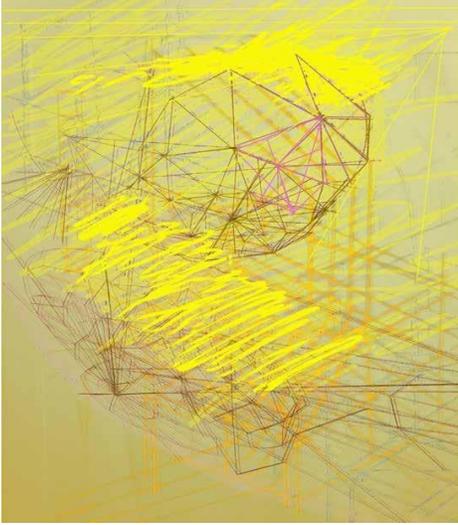
Kate Petley, *After All*, Archival Print and Acrylic on Canvas 48" x 52", 2018



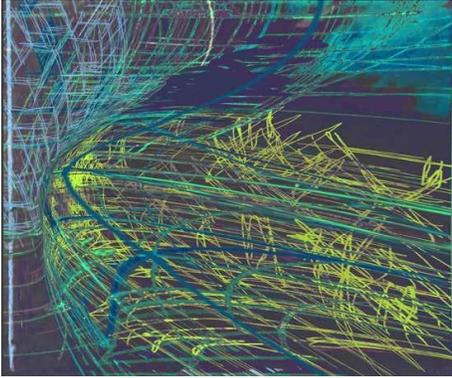
Kate Petley, *Thrown Open*, Archival Print and Acrylic on Canvas 72" x 76", 2019



Kate Petley, *Division of Interest*, Archival Print and Acrylic on Canvas 22" x 28", 2020



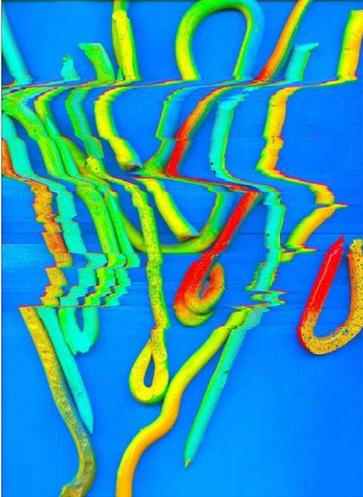
Lorraine Tady, *Dragon Fly Field Stellation* (OVS), UV ink on canvas 72" x 63", 2020



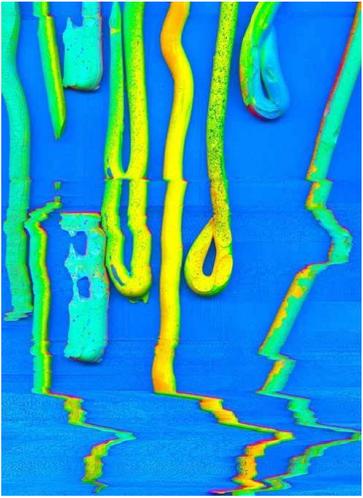
Lorraine Tady, *Electromagnetic Field 2*, UV ink on canvas 60" x 72", 2020



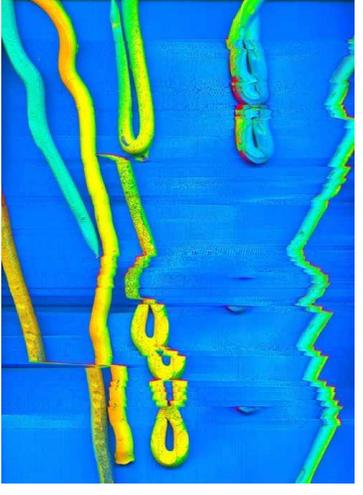
Lorraine Tady, *From Overlook Mountain* (OVS), UV ink on canvas 40" x 35", 2020



Liz Trosper, *The Noisy Merriment of the Tavern*, UV Ink on Canvas 74" x 102", 2021



Liz Trosper, *The Healing Brush*, UV Ink on Canvas 40" x 55", 2021



Liz Trosper, *Crossed by Brooks which Sparkled in the Sun*, UV Ink on Canvas, 40" x 55", 2021

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