

It's All About You

Matt Magee

BIO

OCT 29th - Nov 27th, 2022

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Matt Magee is an American contemporary artist who is best known for his minimal abstract geometric paintings, sculptures, prints, assemblages, murals and photographs. He was born in Paris, France in 1961 and moved from there to Tripoli, Libya and then to London. He moved to Brooklyn in 1984 to attend Pratt Institute for an MFA^[3] after completing a BA in Art History at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. He maintained a studio on New York City until 2012 and currently lives in Phoenix, AZ.

Over a career spanning more than four decades, Magee has experimented widely with abstract and conceptual art practices. Magee's compositions are organizations of shapes that have been informed by personal history, numerology, and language. Re-purposing a variety of found and collected media characterizes his sculpture and collage while his paintings explore language symbolically with an emphasis on repetition and reiteration and nods to art historical precedents.

Magee's father, a geologist and archaeologist, took him on trips through the Southwest where he collected small objects along the way that later informed his art practices.^[9] As a young adult he worked on a seismic truck in Laredo, TX and recorded vibrations sent into the earth to determine underlying geologic formations.^[10] Later, Magee was the chief photo archivist for the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation.^{[11][12]} Throughout his life, he has established ways of collecting that now inform his compositions.

His painting style is minimal in concept, but his brushstrokes are expressive.^[13] Within these conceptual spreadsheets, abacuses, and hieroglyphics are reminders of the artist's hand. His visual language relates to early hard-edge abstraction and finds inspiration in contemporary scientific, ecological, and technological ideas.

Magee is represented by Richard Levy Gallery in Albuquerque, NM; Hiram Butler Gallery in Houston, TX; Eagle Gallery in London; Inde/Jacobs Gallery in Marfa, TX; David Hall Fine Art in Wellesley, MA; and Mission Projects in Chicago.^[15]

Magee was the 2017 Arlene and Mort Scult Award winner, the 2007 Josef and Anni Albers Foundation resident fellow, and winner of the Board of Trustees Award from the Silvermine Arts Center. He was also a 1991 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant recipient. His work has been exhibited worldwide.

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Born: Neuilly-sur-Seine Paris, France 1961

Resides in: Phoenix, Arizona

EDUCATION

M.F.A. Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York 1986

B.A. Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas 1983

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 It's All About You, Standard Space gallery, Sharon, CT
Matt Magee: Analog Bookstein Projects New York
- 2021 Twenty Two Hundred, ARTSY online exhibition hosted by Richard Levy Gallery, Nov, 17-Dec 17
Abecedarium, Emma Hill Eagle Gallery, Cabinet Room, London, UK
Animal Vegetable Mineral, Photo Composites 1980-2005, Pazda Butler Gallery, Houston, TX
Matt Magee: On Language and Coding, Curated by Cece Cole
Mountain Shadows Paradise Valley, AZ
Zane Bennett X Radius Books Matt Magee Satellite Show: Prints from
Woolworth Publications, Santa Fe, NM
Matt Magee: Random Order Zane Bennett Contemporary Art Santa Fe, NM
- 2019 Matt Magee: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper, Planthouse, New York, NY
Matt Magee: inde/jacobs, Marfa, TX
Matt Magee: Numerologies, Standard Space, Sharon, CT
Matt Magee: Language and Sequence, Etherton Gallery, Tucson, AZ
Jennifer Kobylarz and Matt Magee: If Time was a Place, Richard Levy Gallery, Albuquerque
Focus on Matt Magee, Wilson Stephens and Jones, London, UK
- 2018 TYPOLOGIES, John Molloy Gallery, New York, NY
Wall. Text. Mural for Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ
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- 2017 Matt Magee: formUlate David Hall Fine Art Wellesley, MA
Signs, The Photographs of Matt Magee, Darren Winston Bookseller, Sharon, CT
Matt Magee: Prints Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX
Wall of Text, Everybody Gallery, Tucson, AZ
Matt Magee: Photographs, 1981-2016, Shortcut Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
Glen Hanson and Matt Magee, Recent Work, inde/jacobs, Marfa, TX
- 2016 On Language & Marking Time, Eagle Gallery EMH Arts, London
Memory and Reflection Mural for Tucson Museum of Art Tucson, AZ
Grapheme 3, Mural for ArtEXPO, Chicago, IL
Materiality, The Mission Projects, Chicago, IL
Wall Grapheme 1, Mural for Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, NM
prima materia, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX
Matt Magee: How the West was Won Darren Winston Bookseller Sharon, CT
Seven: A Survey of Paintings by Matt Magee Richard Levy Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2015 Paintings & Textcavations: New Work by Matt Magee, John Molloy Gallery, New York, NY
Matt Magee, marfa, inde/jacobs, Marfa, TX

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- 2022 Multiple Art Days with Woolworth Publications September 9-12 Paris
Art on Paper with Richard Levy Gallery September 8-12 New York
Seeing Red, Looking Blue, Feeling Green (with Reed Anderson, Jeannette Montgomery Barron, Erik den Breejen, Adam Handler, Valerie Hegarty, Greg Lamarche, Ted Lawson, Donna Moylan, Jeff Muhs, Sylvia Naimark, Jennifer Deppe Parker, Erwin Redl, Stefan Sagmeister, Rhonda Wall, Taylor Anton White and Nola Zirin) Curated by Paul Laster Marquee Projects Bellport, NY August 13 - September 18
Form+Practice (with Brent Bond, Merryn Omotayo Alaka, Sam Fresquez, Adrienne Jennie, Jared Kee Yazzie) curated by Cece Cole The Gallery at Mountain Shadows Scottsdale, AZ
IPCNy Benefit Auction Live on Artsy New York
Every Day is Earth Day curated by Cece Cole Scottsdale, AZ
InstaSelect Mark Borghi Gallery Sag Harbor, NY Mar 4 - 31
- 2021 Abstract (with Helen Frankenthaler, Alexander Diaz Andersson, Jane Lafarge Hamill, Neil Hammond, Matt Kleberg, Pietro Pasolini, Matt Phillips, Vincent Pocsik) Oct 6 - Dec 18 Room57 Gallery New York
Fine Print Fair with Manneken Press Cleveland Museum of Art
Free Arts NYC Summer in September Show Room57 Gallery New York
Selections from the Flat File Margaret Garrett, Matt Magee, Robert Olsen, Naho Taruishi, Diana Weymar March 11 - April 3 Planthouse Gallery New York
ON AND OFF THE GRID Dave Darraugh, Bill Jacobson, Rick Lowe, Matt Magee, Brice Marden, Martha Tuttle Hiram Butler Gallery Houston, TX
- 2020 Matt Magee and Jesse Rieser The Sunset Spot Red Modern Phoenix, AZ
Women in Print Curated by Kylee Aragon Wallis (with Tara Donovan, Helen Frankenthaler, Mary Heilmann, Louise Nevelson, Danielle Orchard, Hayal Pozanti, Bridget Riley, Julia Rommel, Kiki Smith) Zane Bennet Contemporary Art Santa Fe
EAB 2020 with Dieu Donne, Planthouse and Deb Chaney Editions
IFPDA Fine Art Print Fair with Tamarind Institute
Stories of Abstraction: Contemporary Latin American Art in the Global Context October 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021 Curated by Gilbert Vicario Phoenix Art Museum
Dieu Donne Benefit 2020 Brooklyn, New York
3 Day Weekend Curated by Pamela Willoughby & Victoria de Lesseps
The Fireplace Project East Hampton, New York
American Friends of the Louvre Gala New York
For Folk's Sake! Contemporary Artists and the American Folk Art Museum
American Folk Art Museum New York
BLUE A Call to Action Exhibition in Arizona Lisa Sette Gallery Phoenix, AZ
Arizona Biennial 2020, Tucson Museum of Art Tucson, AZ
FRAGILE Planthouse Gallery New York
Roadside Attraction organized by ArtFarm Phoenix June 26th - July 27 Phoenix
silver linings SITE Santa Fe Santa Fe, NM
Together in Isolation, Re Institute, Millerton, NY
Art on Paper New York with Tamarind Institute

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The Painting People (with Stephane Bordarier, Claire Chesnier, Marc Desgrandchamps, Blaise Drummond, Richard Gorman, Marielle Paul, Jean Francois Maurige, Djamel Tatah) Michael Woolworth Publications Paris, France
The Blurred Discreteness of Colors (with Jennifer Bartlett, Daniel Buren, David Hutchinson, Matt Kleberg, Robert Rauschenberg, Kate Shepherd, Martha Tuttle, Terry Winters) Hiram Butler Gallery Houston
2019 60th Anniversary Exhibition Phoenix Art Museum
ODDS Organized by Jon Kipps, Robbie Fife and Angus McCrum
Sept 28 – Nov 30 TOMA Project Space London
Panel Paintings 3: Diptych Eagle Gallery EMH Arts London
Multiple Art Days with Michael Woolworth Publications Sept 6-8 Paris
Notebook Curated by Joanne Greenbaum 56 HENRY New York
East Hampton Guild Hall Planned Parenthood Gala and Auction
East Hampton, NY June 15
The Glass House 70th Anniversary benefit auction New Canaan, CT June 8
ArtSpace benefit auction to honor the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation
New Haven, CT
RR + Co Robert Rauschenberg and the vital energies behind his work (with Stanley Whitney, Al Taylor, Alex Hay, Yves Klein, Brice Marden et al)
Organized by Matt Magee hausq Tucson Feb 8 – Mar 8

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