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EXHIBITION: DAVID MALEK

RECEPTION: THURSDAY, MARCH 5th 7-9PM

ON VIEW: MARCH 4-APRIL 12, 2009

HOURS: WED-SUN 12-6PM

Smith-Stewart is pleased to present the US solo debut of New York artist DAVID MALEK. The exhibition features twelve new paintings.

For Smith-Stewart, Malek produced a series of geometric abstractions in a dynamic color palette that fill an entire wall in the gallery from floor to ceiling. Here Malek is exploring a certain optical phenomenon, where the after-image of one painting extends across the surface of the surrounding paintings. The installation induces an electric encounter of color interactions, which not only play out within each individual painting, but from picture to picture.

David Malek's body of work is informed by an intensive interest in light and color and an extensive examination of utopian invention and cosmic perception. The imagery in Malek's paintings is informed by chemistry, physics and astronomy, science fiction films and the graphics and visual vocabulary associated with certain sub-genres of pop-music.

David Malek was born in 1977 in Springfield, IL and currently is based in Brooklyn, New York. He received a MFA from Hunter College CUNY, NY in 2006. In 2008, his work was included in "Recent Acquisitions, Gifts and Works from Various Exhibitions" at White Columns, New York, curated by Bob Nickas.

Smith-Stewart represents Nicole Cherubini, Paolo Chiasera, Georganne Deen, Jen DeNike, Kate Gilmore, Brian Lund, David Malek, Ylva Ogland, Adrian Paci and Elif Uras. The gallery is located on 53 Stanton Street, between Forsyth and Eldridge Streets. Gallery Hours are Wednesdays through Sundays, noon to six. The nearest subway stops are 2nd Avenue/Houston Street on the F & V lines, Grand Street on the B & D lines and Bleecker Street on the 6 line. For more information, please contact the gallery at amy@smith-stewart.com, 212.477.2821. Or visit the website: www.smith-stewart.com.