Frames of Reference june 16 - july 08

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Curated by Dr. Wilma Tabacco

Samara Adamson-Pinczewski **Raphael Buttonshaw** Wayne Conduit Craig Easton Jennifer Goodman Peter Kartsounis Emma Langridge Anne Mestitz Suzanne Moss Hayley Scilini Antonia Sellbach





Samara Adamson-Pinczewski

Red stripe 2012 acrylic on canvas 183 x 183 cm



Raphael Buttonshaw

Where did I lose my trampled fantasies? 2012 timber, plywood, steel, plaster, glass, oil on canvas, plaster and acrylic on hessian dimensions variable



Wayne Conduit

Untitled 2010 oil on primed paper 18 x 24 cm



Craig Easton Section 2012 type-c print, transparent acrylic, galvanised steel, screws 21 x 35 cm Courtesy Nellie Castan Gallery



Jennifer Goodman

Verge 2011 oil on linen 100 x 140 cm Courtesy John Buckley Gallery



Peter Kartsounis

Crosswaves 2007 acrylic on canvas 137 x 168 cm



Emma Langridge

(The Age of) Entanglement 2011 enamel and acrylic on aluminium 30 x 30 cm



Anne Mestitz

Supertonic 2012 enamel paint and copper powder on aluminium 84 x 84 x 28cm



Suzanne Moss

#37 (somewhere) 2010-11 colour pencil and acrylic on linen 116 x 116cm Courtesy Liverpool Street Gallery



Hayley Scilini

Untitled (yellow, turquoise, maroon) 2012 acrylic on canvas 30 x 30 cm



Antonia Sellbach

Frame Play, series (detail) 2012 wood, pigment and linseed oil 152 x 254 cm

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Superficial resemblance to artworks made during the last century inevitably 'frames' contemporary abstraction within an historical context that, while relevant, ignores that adaptability and versatility are at the core of abstraction's longevity as a means of personal expression. Abstraction's ready application to contemporary concerns and circumstances, to usage of new materials and methods of construction provides continued fascination and engagement for many contemporary artists.

The exhibition, Frames of Reference, demonstrates the breadth of stylistic approaches and the apparently inexhaustible motivational impulses that compel contemporary artists to create imaginative geometric abstract fictions. The selected works in this exhibition might fit neatly into one or several of the categories Bob Nickas has devised for analysing current abstract painting practices: hybrid pictures – rhythm and opticality, colour and structure, found/eccentric abstraction, form/space/scale and the performative act of painting itself.

These broad groupings certainly assist in locating a generic intentionality but the specifics of each work is accessible only through up-close experiencing. The external referents the artist uses as a source of inspiration and the content framed by the image itself have been formulated within each artist's own personal frames of reference and these, while often deliberately concealed by the artist, are none-the-less intrinsic to the work's evolution and ultimately to it's capacity to intrigue the attentive spectator.

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1 Bob Nickas Painting Abstraction: New Elements in Abstract Painting, Phaidon Press Ltd. London, 2009

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