



Laced Afterglow - Patrick Brennan at Volta NY

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Patrick Brennan's abstract art nimbly combines painting and assemblage. A first look doesn't always reveal the subtle lacing amid the explosion of angular shapes and color. His method of combining artistic elements can leave the mind wondering.



The afterglow of impression appears, unbidden, after walking away. A memory can coax viewers to return and explore.

"His embrace of the struggle and play in the act of creation lead to honest and surprising results both strident and beautiful," said Ryan Wallace, co-director and co-owner of Halsey Mckay Gallery.

New York City art fair goers have the chance to see a solo show of Brennan's work at Volta NY. Brennan is the artist of choice of the Halsey Mckay Gallery of East Hampton.

Volta NY features solo artist projects presented by a gallery. Volta NY is presenting 80 galleries from 25 countries and 45 cities.

"The solo format of the Volta fair is the perfect outlet for Patrick's work," said Wallace. "While each painting has a strong individual presence, his process of thought and creation can best be appreciated and understood amongst several works."

At Volta NY, Brennan's art will be presented in a clean installation. Here's a brief preview:

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"Coward" by Patrick Brennan. Mixed Media
on canvas, 48 x 36 inches.

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“The Part” by Patrick Brennan. Mixed Media on wood panel, 12 x 12 inches.



“Fade and Flow” by Patrick Brennan, 2011. Mixed Media on canvas. 72 x 48 inches.



“Get Free (White)” by Patrick Brennan. Mixed Media on canvas, 48 x 36 inches.



“Faces” by Patrick Brennan. Mixed Media on canvas, 48 x 36 inches.

BASIC FACTS: Volta NY is being held from March 8 to 11, 2012 at 7 West 34th Street between 5th & 6th Avenue, New York, NY. Hours are Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m. and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday to Sunday. Tickets are \$15 or \$40 for a dual pass with The Armory Show. The dual pass can be purchased online. <http://ny.voltashow.com>

HALSEY MCKAY GALLERY is located at 105 Newtown Lane, East Hampton, NY. They present projects and exhibitions in Brooklyn, Manhattan and other places. For details, visit www.halseymckay.com or email info@halseymckay.com.

PATRICK BRENNAN is based in New York City. Solo shows have been held at galleries in Manhattan, Brooklyn, East Hampton and Atlanta, GA. Group shows include the Islip Art Museum on Long Island, PS 1 in Long Island City, NY and more. <http://patrickbrennan.info>