



Abstraction at High Line Open Studios - James Kennedy

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The High Line in Chelsea is offering an alternate to the swirl of art fairs. The High Line Open Studios is being held on Saturday (March 10) from noon to 6 p.m. The self-guided tour features around 50 studios in nine buildings located from West 21st St to West 28th St. The event is free. Visitors are encouraged to begin at the West Chelsea Arts Building at 508-526 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues.

The open studio event includes the workspace of painter James Kennedy and The Viewing Room of Surface Library Gallery. Until last year, Kennedy and the gallery were based in Springs, NY near East Hampton. Kennedy co-owns and is the co-director of Surface Library with ceramic artist Bob Bachler. The pair moved and relocated the gallery to Chelsea in 2011.

Besides the High Line Open Studios, Kennedy's art can be seen at Scope NY with Mindy Solomon Gallery at Booth A11.

Here's a quick look at his paintings:

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"Constructive Tendencies" by James Kennedy, 2012. Mixed Media on Incised Masonite, 52 X 52 inches.

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"Formal Assembly" by James Kennedy, 2012. Mixed media on Incised Masonite, 52 x 52 inches.

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“Face Off” by James Kennedy, 2012. Mixed Media on Incised Masonite, 39 x 39 inches.

Kennedy’s paintings “address a fascination with essential structures and arrangements whilst exploring the linguistics of music, mathematics, dance and architecture,” according to his website.

Kenney makes his work through intuition and gives the random free rein. Pattern recognition and manipulation are common themes, he said. So is “solving spatial equations through paint.”

BASIC FACTS: High Line Open Studios takes place on Sat, March 10, 2012 from noon to 6 p.m. For details, visit www.highlineopenstudios.org. For a downloadable map: http://highlineopenstudios.org/images/map_images/HLOS_March10_web_map_8.5x11.pdf

JAMES KENNEDY is exhibiting his work this weekend at Scope NY with Mindy Solomon Gallery at Booth A11 and in Chelsea during the High Line Open Studios. His studio is located at 551 West 21st Street. So is The Viewing Room of Surface Library. <http://jameskennedyonline.com>

SCOPE New York is being held from March 7 - 11, 2012 at the Scope Pavilion, 57th St and 12th Ave (West Side Highway). For details, visit www.scope-art.com

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