



**THE ONWARD OF ART  
AMERICAN  
ABSTRACT  
ARTISTS  
80TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
EXHIBITION**

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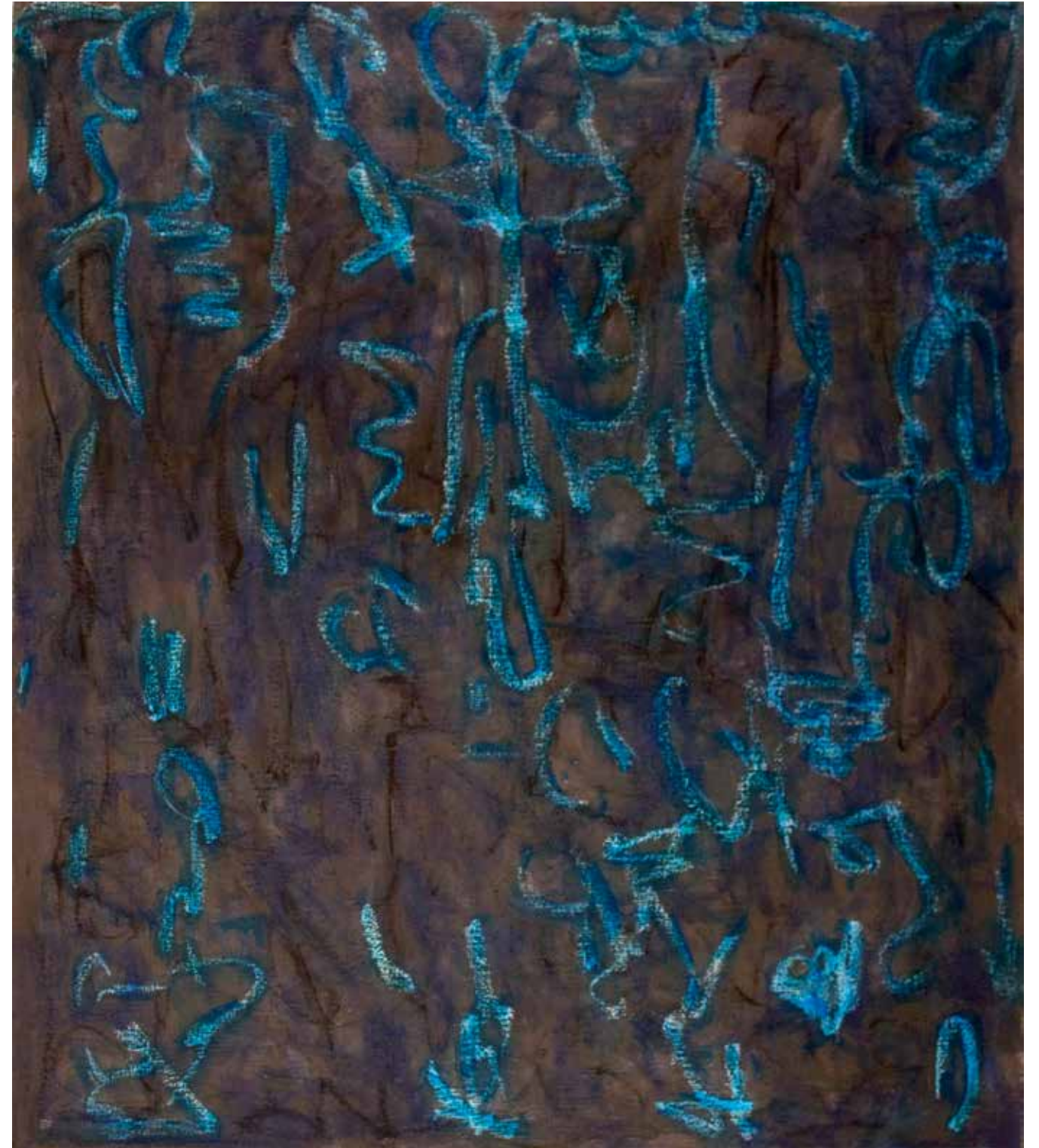
**American Abstract Artists** was founded in 1936 by a group of progressive, forward-looking practitioners. At the time, abstraction, as part of the language of modernist art, had a history of less than a quarter century and was still regarded with suspicion by many serious art lovers. The founders of AAA believed implicitly in the power of autonomous, non-representational images to communicate profound ideas and emotions. In today's art world, when verbally expressed ideas are often valued more highly than the forms that embody them and traditional facility in representation is often admired above any other considerations, the kind of wordless eloquence that the first members of AAA embraced has once again come into question. Yet the work of many significant artists, such as today's members of AAA, continues to reaffirm the health and versatility of

abstraction. To celebrate the organization's 80th anniversary in 2016, it seems imperative to consider not just the AAA's distinguished past but, more importantly, its robust present. The exhibition organized to honor the anniversary has therefore been selected from submissions by current members of works made within the past three to five years — a showcase not only of the vitality and relevance of the AAA in the twenty first century, but of the continued relevance and vitality of art that communicates directly through the eye, reaching our intellect and our emotions without words. A selection of works by distinguished earlier members of AAA emphasizes both the continuity of the organization's concerns and its significance to the history of modernist art in American.

Karen Wilkin, Curator  
2015

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**Dorothea Rockburne**  
*Copper, Paper Pulp, and Dieu Donn  #4*, 2003  
Copper foil, paper pulp, Lascaux Aquacryl; mounted on rag board, 31 5/8" x 23"

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**Claire Seidl**  
*It Goes Without Saying*, 2015  
Oil on linen, 51" x 45"





**Cecily Kahn**  
*Untitled*, 2014  
Oil on linen, 35" x 30"

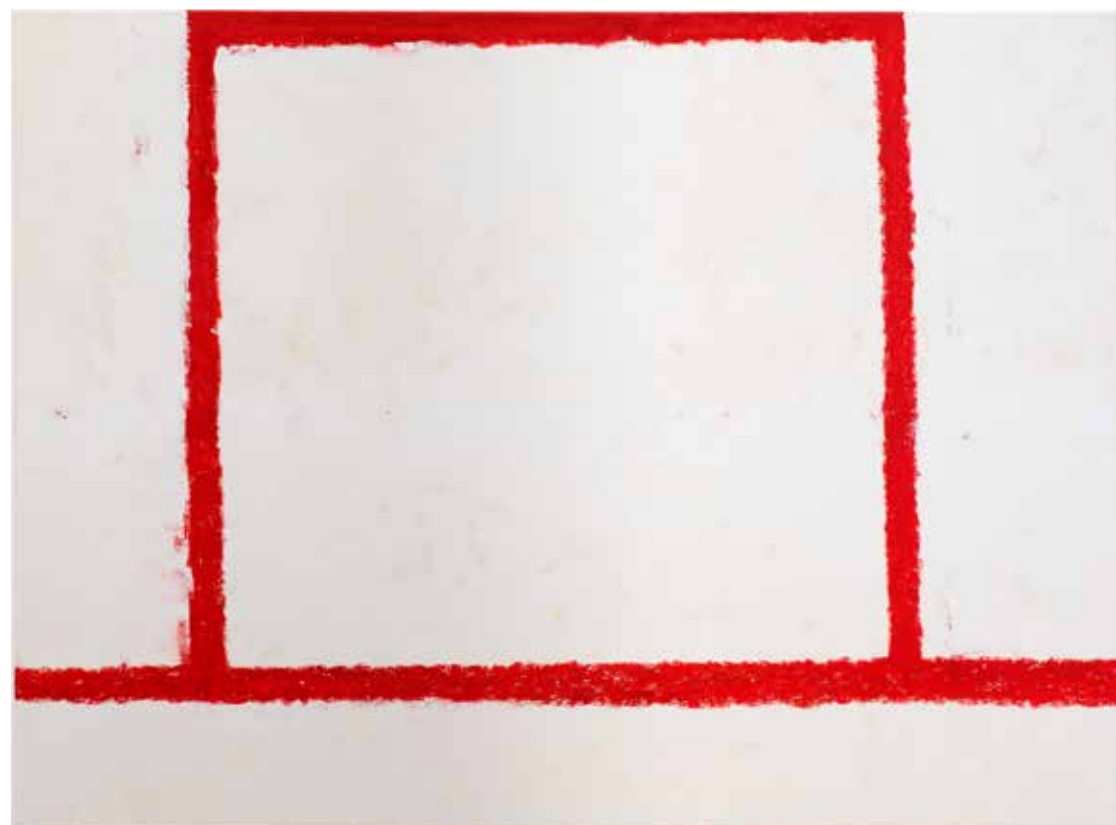
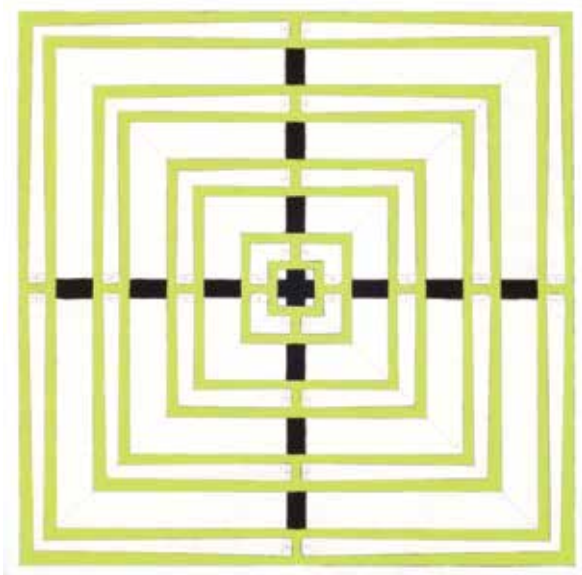


**Marthe Keller**  
*By Way of Sagittarius*, 2013  
Acrylic and zinc dust on  
antique linen, 48.75" x 48"

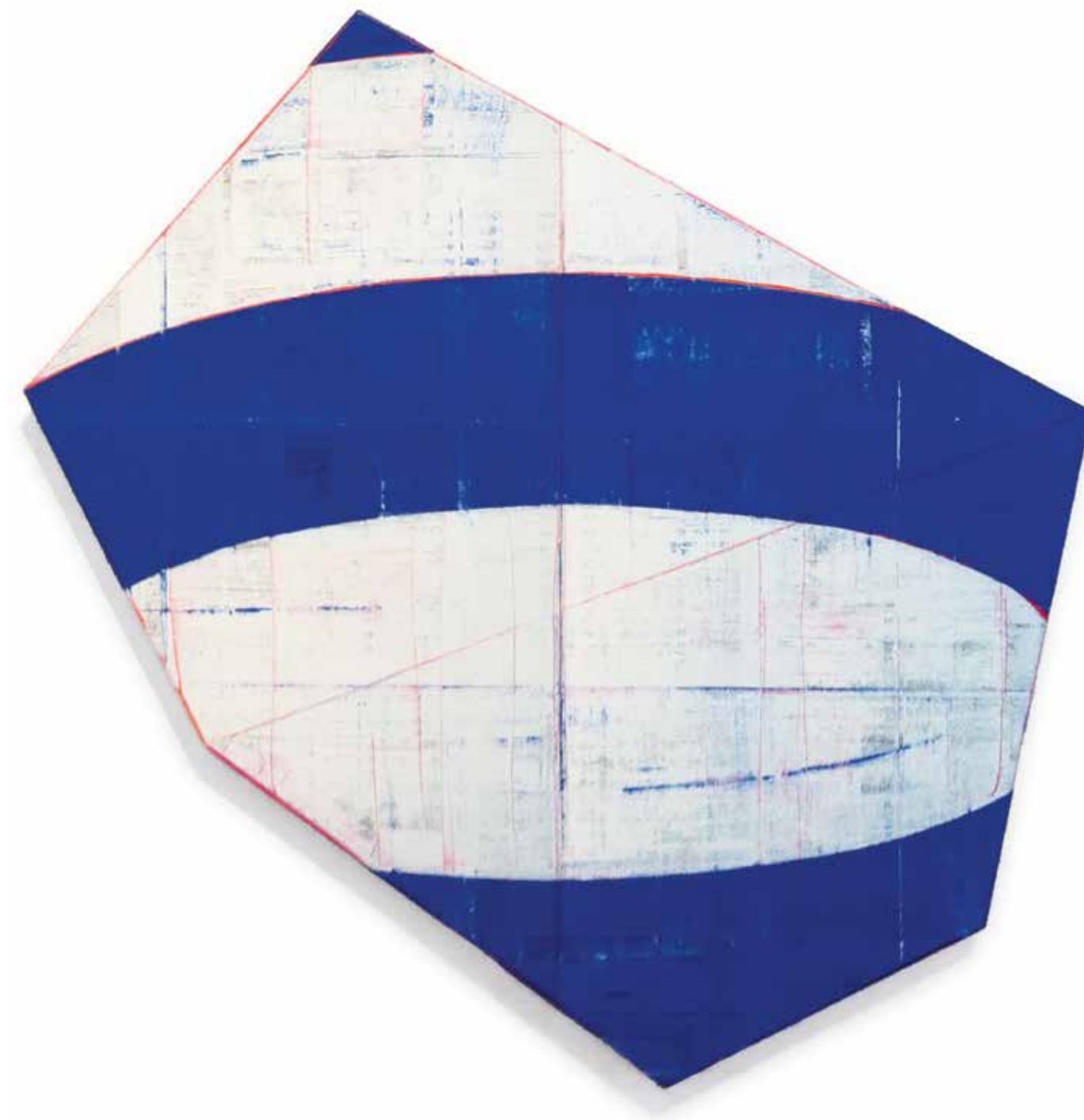


**Emily Berger**  
*Untitled*, 2015  
Oil on wood  
30" x 24"

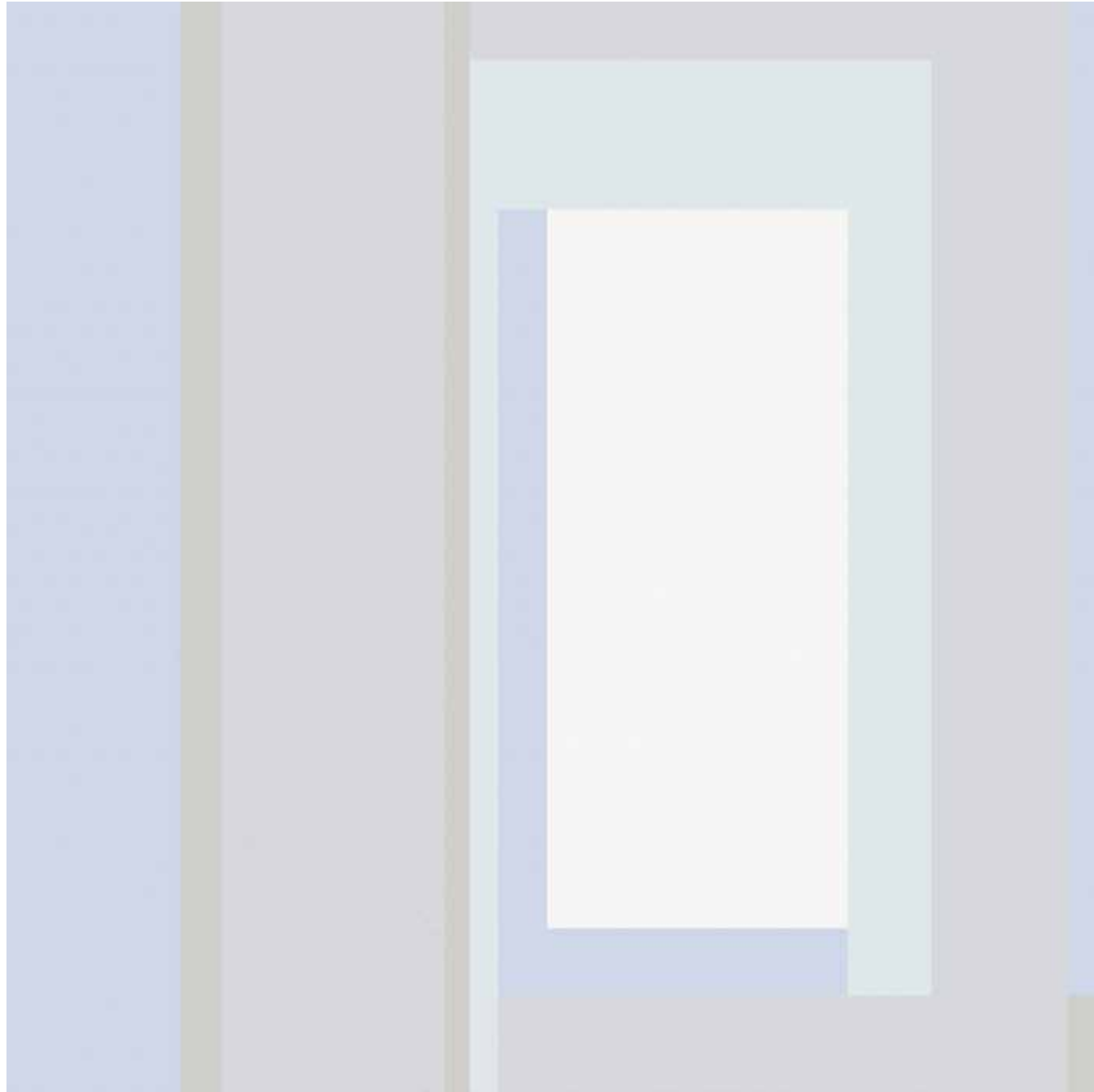
**Henry Brown**  
*Focal Point*, 2015  
Acrylic, pencil, gesso  
on canvas, 8" x 8"



**Sharon Brant**  
#77-2015 (from *An Uncertain Geometry series*), 2015  
Alkyd and oil stick  
on canvas, 36" x 48"  
Courtesy of  
Minus Space



**David Row**  
*Cartography*, 2014  
Oil on canvas, 38" x 42"  
Courtesy of Loretta Howard  
Gallery/David Row



**Julian Jackson**  
*Iris 2*, 2015  
Oil on canvas, 48" x 48"



**Power Boothe**  
*Ellipsis #4*, 2015  
Gouache on arches cold  
press paper, 15.5" x 15"  
Courtesy of Fred  
Giampietro Gallery



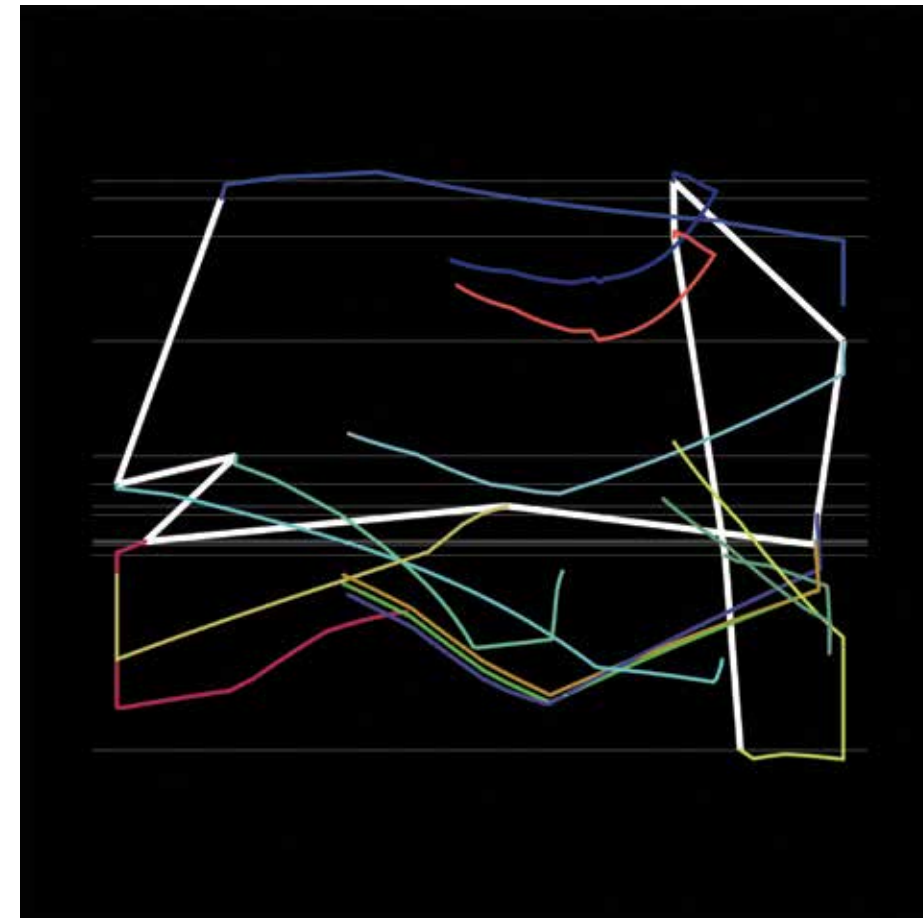
**Creighton Michael**  
*Script 214*, 2014  
Layered acrylic on  
concave wood panel,  
36" x 34" x 2.5"



**Stephen Westfall**  
*Otherwise*, 2013  
Oil and alkyd on canvas,  
48" x 48"  
Courtesy of the artist,  
Lennon Weinberg, Inc.,  
New York



**Joanne Mattera**  
*Chromatic Geometry*  
23, 2015  
Encaustic on panel,  
12" x 12"  
Courtesy of Marcia  
Wood Gallery, Atlanta



**Manfred Mohr**  
*P2200-1577*, 2014  
Pigment ink on paper,  
31.5" x 31.5"  
Courtesy of Bitforms  
Gallery, New York



Cover:  
**Jim Osman**  
*Court*, 2015  
 Wood, paint, log section,  
 51" x 30" x 20.5"  
 Courtesy of Lesley Heller  
 Workspace

**Roger Jorgensen**  
*The Cosmos*, 2012  
 Acrylic on linen  
 50" x 62"

#### Participating artists:

Alice Adams • Steven Alexander • Martin Ball • Siri Berg • Emily Berger • Susan Bonfils • Power Boothe • Naomi Boretz • Sharon Brant • Henry Brown • Marvin Brown • Mark Dagley • Gabriele Evertz • Heidi Gluck • Gail Gregg • James Gross • Lynne Harlow • Mara Held • Daniel G. Hill • Gilbert Hsiao • Phillis Ideal • Julian Jackson • Roger Jorgensen • James Juszczyk • Cecily Kahn • Marthe Keller • Iona Kleinhaut • Victor Kord • Irene Lawrence • Jane Logemann • David Mackenzie • Stephen Maine • Katinka Mann • Nancy Manter • Joanne Mattera • Creighton Michael • Manfred Mohr • Judith Murray • John Obuck • Jim Osman • Corey Postiglione • Lucio Pozzi • Raquel Rabinovich • Dorothea Rockburne • Ce Roser • Irene Rousseau • David Row • Anne Russinof • Cordy Ryman • Lorenza Sannai • Mary Schiliro • Claire Seidl • Edward Shalala • Susan Smith • Richard Timperio • Li Trincere • Kim Uchiyama • Vera Vasek • Don Voisine • Stephen Westfall • Jeanne Wilkinson • Mark Williams • Thornton Willis • Kes Zapkus • Nola Zirin

#### American Abstract Artists

American Abstract Artists (AAA) is a democratic artist-run organization founded in 1936 in New York City to promote and foster understanding of abstract and non-objective art.

AAA organizes exhibitions and produces member print portfolios and catalogs. It provides a forum to discuss and expand ideas about abstract art by hosting critical panels and symposia, and publishing the American Abstract Artists Journal. AAA distributes its published materials internationally to cultural organizations and documents its member history in the Smithsonian Archives of American Art.

To date American Abstract Artists has produced over 120 exhibitions in museums and galleries across the United States and abroad. AAA's programs have established the organization as a major forum for the exchange of ideas and the exhibition of abstract art.

[americanabstractartists.org](http://americanabstractartists.org)

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