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ANNOUNCING OUR REPRESENTATION OF FIONA ACKERMAN

*Summer Breaks Group Show*

Exhibition dates: July 7 – September 1, 2018

**Gallery Jones** is pleased to announce our representation of Vancouver-based artist **Fiona Ackerman**, whose playful yet precise paint compositions are gaining international recognition. We will be exhibiting excerpts from her *Glasslands* series in our *Summer Breaks Group Show* starting on July 7, 2018.



*Physis*, acrylic and oil on canvas, 66 x 66 inches.

Originally from Montreal, Fiona Ackerman lives and works in Vancouver, BC. Since completing her BFA through Concordia and ECIAD, Fiona has exhibited across Canada and in Europe (London, Berlin, Nuremberg, Munster, Düsseldorf). She was longlisted for the Sobey Prize in 2015 and received honourable mention for the Kingston Prize for Canadian Portraiture in 2009. Recent projects include a wrap mural for a building in Vancouver, and a commissioned 10-minute video projection for the Burrard Arts Foundation Façade Festival in 2017.

Ackerman's *Glasslands* series (2016–17) is both an “invention and exploration” of gardens. Her artistic process involves stages: constructing small, layered paper installations in mirror boxes, photographing them, and transforming them into large oil and acrylic paintings on canvas. The final “medleys of sculptured cut-outs,” are curious, intriguing and visually dynamic, as if sharp at the edges. Ackerman's visual world appears both whimsical and sacrosanct—though reflections of cascading ferns hint at utopia, the entrance to this paradise is purposely disguised. This interesting dilemma dialogues with the history of gardens, landscapes and human enclosures.

Also included in the show is new work by **Jeff Depner**, whose paintings use the grid as a framework for their chromatic colour structure. Depner received his BFA in design and illustration from Capilano University, Vancouver, Canada and has shown widely across Canada, the United States, and Europe (Basel and Germany). He first showed at Nancy Margolis Gallery in a group show (2013) and had his first New York solo exhibition in November 2013. His work has also been featured in several publications including Artbox Magazine, Ruby Mag, The Globe and Mail, and Snap Magazine. He lives and works in Vancouver, Canada.

*Summer Breaks Group Show* will be on exhibit until September 1, 2018 and features a number of artists including Paul Morstad, Otto Rogers, Tricia Cline and Brad Howe among others.