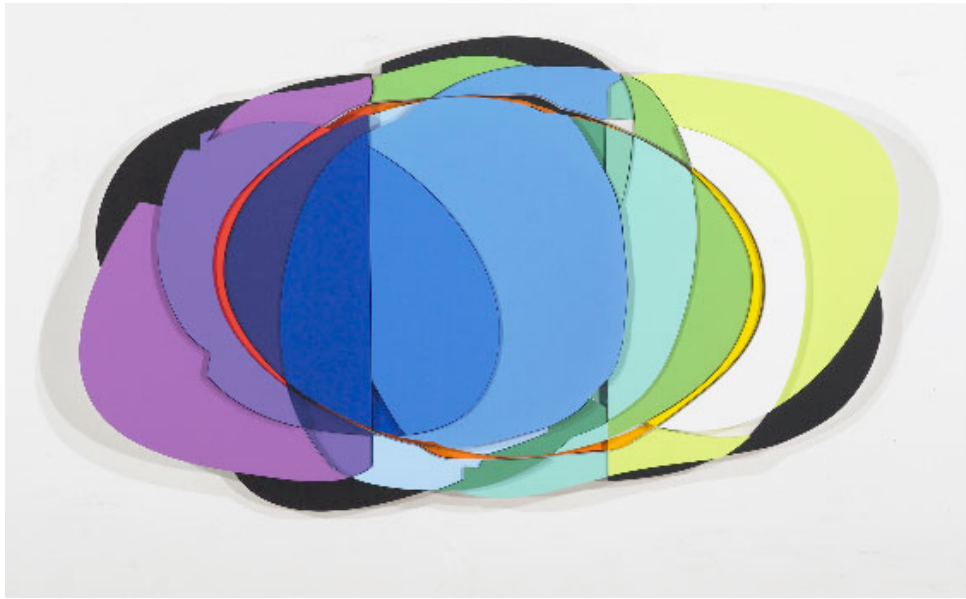


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# David Ryan

## *Glitches & Fixes*

Opening Reception: Friday, March 25th, 2011, 5:00-7:00 pm  
Exhibition Dates: March 25 - May 7, 2011  
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David Ryan, *FAC 501*, 2010, acrylic on MDF, 22 x 38 x 3-1/2 inches

James Kelly Contemporary is pleased to announce a solo exhibition of paintings by David Ryan. This will be his first solo show with the gallery.

Ryan takes the everyday building material, MDF, and transforms it into beautifully rendered three-dimensional paintings of vivid color and shape. He uses optically guided lasers to trace his hand drawn patterns, which are then spray painted in vivid hues and assembled. The constructed images amorphic shape and brilliant color make the paintings appear to float off of the wall.

Ryan carefully assembles the multiple layers of painted MDF on top of each other allowing glimpses of the underlying layers to interact and build upon the overall color composition. Completely abstract, the paintings are grounded in art historical traditions from Arp and McLaughlin to the Finish-Fetishists.

Highly influenced by custom paint jobs on hot rods and electronics Ryan's compressed three dimensional organic forms

transcend their lowly material in an exploration of color, form, line and shape.



David Ryan, *Left on Pan Am Fwy*, acrylic on MDF, 2010, 30-1/2 x 37 x 3 inches.

Ryan received his BFA from the University of Texas, Austin before pursuing his MFA at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where he studied under Dave Hickey. His work has been exhibited internationally in both gallery and museum shows

The artist will be in attendance for the opening at James Kelly Contemporary, on March 25th from 5-7 pm.

James Kelly Contemporary is located at 1601 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Gallery hours for the duration of this show are Tuesday through Friday from 10:00-5:00 p.m. - Saturday from 12:00-5:00 p.m. - Monday by appointment. Please call the gallery at 505.989.1601 - fax 505.989.5005 - email [jernigan@jameskelly.com](mailto:jernigan@jameskelly.com) for more information.

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