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MATT JONES (1980—). lives and works in New York City.

Artist Statement and Bio

Matt Jones' paintings, drawings, and artist books are attuned to the overwhelming omnipresence of climate catastrophe, housing crises, and global pandemics, while attentive to the granular, sedimented, aliveness of the everyday. Gathering a visual symbology of flora and fauna, eyes and hands, ritual and household objects, as well as molecules, viruses, stones, mushrooms, seedlings, and grasses, Jones renders filmic stills of a narrative that continues beyond each canvas, paper, and page. Storytelling is central to Jones' practice, though the narrative is not necessarily linear. Instead, in Jones' work, narrative is relational and dynamic, an invitation to the viewer to consider the moments just before or after the scene of the painting, to feel activated by this sense of ongoingness. This sense of fluidity is crucial to the way Jones works with ink and oil paint, and the way entities relate to one another in the paintings, drawings, and books. Eroding the art historical assumption of the human subject, of borders, and binaries, Jones's work energizes the mythical—medieval illumination and dream visions, rococo art, and Jewish folklore—by looking again and again at the local—old growth forest in Inwood, the iron fences and militarized past of Bennet Park, the manicured lush gorgeousness of Fort Tryon's Heather and Alpine Gardens, as well as the dailiness of working and living with his partner and young child.

Jones has had one or two person shows at Galerie Jerome Pauchant (Paris), Freight + Volume Gallery (New York), Horton Gallery (Berlin), Castor Gallery (New York), The Richard Massey Foundation (New York), Bleecker Street Art Club (New York), and Buia Gallery (New York). He has participated in NADA Miami (The Hole, New York), Spring Break Art Fair (Old School, Brooklyn), Miami Project (Driscoll Babcock, New York) and a solo presentation at Art Brussels (Bodson Gallery, Brussels). His work has been displayed in group shows at Robert Miller (New York), Soy Capitán (Berlin), Anonymous (Mexico City), Driscoll Babcock Gallery (New York), ADA Gallery (Richmond, VA), Dorfman Projects (New York), Tibet House (New York), The Varsity (Brooklyn), Galleri Geo (Bergan, Norway), Grey East (East Hampton, NY), The Artbridge Drawing Room (New York), Gildar Gallery (Beverly Hills, CA), Fiebach Minninger (Cologne), Exit Art (New York), and The Hole (New York). He has done performances with Anonymous (Mexico City), Artist Space (New York), and Creative Time (New York).

Jones attended the Yale University School of Art—Norfolk on an Ellen Battell Stoeckel Grant (2001), received a BFA from Cooper Union (2002), and recently completed an MFA at Hunter College (2021). In 2007 he founded Puppy American, a small independent press which publishes artist books, zines, poetry, and organizes exhibitions, focusing on collaboration. He lives and works in New York City.

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CV

Education

Cooper Union. (BFA)
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Hunter College. (MFA)

Selected One. Two. and Three Person Exhibitions

2022

Nowhere Fast. Olympia. New York. With Cassidy Early and Jessi Li.

2018

Time Walk. Galerie Jérôme Pauchant. Paris.

2016

Passion as Model for Patience. Galerie Jérôme Pauchant. Paris. With Quentin Euverte.

2015

Ancestral Recall. Galerie Jérôme Pauchant. Paris. Catalog.
A horrendous assembly. clawing and jerking. all mashed tightly into specks that rest upon the seeing orb. eventually layering as a pearl does into kingdoms of permanent escape. Castor Gallery. New York. With Eric Wiley.

2014

Geister. The Richard Massey Foundation. New York.
Solo Booth. Bodson Gallery. Art Brussels. Brussels. Belgium.
Super Smash Brothers. Creative Time. New York. Performance. With Kadar Brock.

2013

Planetary. Bleecker Street Arts Club. New York.

2012

Evil Dead 2. Horton Gallery. Berlin. Germany. Catalog. With Kadar Brock.
The Dinner Party. Anonymous Gallery. New York. Performance.

2011

Multiverse. Freight + Volume. New York. NY.

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Selected Group Exhibitions

2023

Six Stages. Project Art Distribution (P.A.D.). NADA. New York.
Art from the Upper Rooms. Sanctuary. OSA. New York.

2022

The Innerworld of the Outerworld of the Innerworld. Soy Capitan. Berlin.
Shushan's Hands. Tappeto Volante/Studio Archive Project. New York (online).
In with the Old // (Nearly) Six Years of Project Art Distribution. Yeh Art Gallery. St John's
University. Jamaica. NY.
Slight of Hand. Mepaintsme. Online.

2021

A Gathering. The Catskills. New York.
The Catskills Presents: Heavy Show. Spring Break Art Show. New York. Curated by Leonard
Reibstein.
Chromatic Vigils / Low Tides. Upstate Art Weekend. Hudson Opera House. Hudson. New York.
Curated by The Sphinx Northeast
Visions of Kindness. Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center. Moscow. Russia.
2 Gathering. Studio E. Seattle. WA. Known Unknowns. Studio Archive Project. Online. Curated
by mepaintsme.

2020

Assemblage: The MFA Show. The Olympia Project. New York.
Purple. Underdonk. Brooklyn. New York.
Living Room. Galerie Jerome Pauchant. Paris.
Leyline of Abundance. Puppy American. Bronx. New York.
Trust Fall. Hunter MFA Online Viewing Room.
Gravity Spell. Hunter MFA Thesis exhibition. Hudson Street Gallery. New York.
NYPL2020. P.A.D. Gallery. New York. NY.

2019

Eat Bloody Pussy: A Community Garden. curated by Fitch ball. Essex Flowers. New York.
(performance)
Age Before Beauty. Wallspace. Brooklyn.
No Rules. Mana Contemporary Glass Gallery. Jersey City. NJ.

2017

Hard Hunting. Hunter College. New York.

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2016

Geo Necro. ADA Gallery. Richmond. Virginia.
Polychrome. Driscoll Babcock Gallery. New York.
Between You and Me. Geoffrey Young Gallery. Great Barrington.

2015

Art—Les Bains in 2015. Les Bains. Paris. Curated by Jérôme Pauchant
18 Percent. Castor Gallery. New York.

2014

Sha Boogie Bop. Anonymous Gallery. New York.
Cirrus. Dorfman Projects. New York.
Mandala: Locus of Thought. Tibet House. New York.
New/Idols. The Varsity. Brooklyn.
NY/NO. Galleri Geo. Bergen. Norway.
Post-Psychedelic Dreams. Grey East. East Hampton. NY.
Driscoll Babcock. Miami Project. Miami.

2013

Suddenness & Certainty. Robert Miller Gallery. New York. Curated by Robert Greene
Pulse Art Fair. Driscoll Babcock. Miami.
Sweat Baby Sweat. Gildar Gallery. Beverly Hills. CA.
Magic Kingdom. Old School. Spring Break. New York.
The Example. Bleecker Street Art Club. New York.
About Space. The ArtBridge Drawing Room. New York.
Painted Perfect. Anonymous Gallery. Mexico City. Mexico.
Synthesis. Bottleneck Gallery. Brooklyn.

2012

News from Chicago and New York. Fiebach Minninger. Cologne. Organized by Henning
Strassburger.
Portrait of a Generation. The Hole. New York.
Powerplay - A Radical Sculpture Park. Hayground. Bridgehampton. NY.
The Usual Suspects. Brooklyn Fireproof. Brooklyn.
Cosmic Architecture. Artists Wanted. Long Island City. New York.
The Final Frontier. The Atlantic Conference. Brooklyn.
casas de empeño. Anonymous Gallery. New York & Mexico City.

2011

.... The Hole. New York.
Between Two Friends. Varet Space. Brooklyn.
NADA. The Hole. Miami. FL.
Control Alt Delete. HKJB. Brooklyn. NY.

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Outer Space. Exit Art. New York. NY.

Public Collections

Lever House Art Collection. New York; Phillip Schrager Collection Omaha. NE.

Selected Bibliography

2020

Riley. Benjamin. In the Spotlight: A Conversation with Matt Jones. The Envoy. Interview.

2016

Nirenberg. Michael. Conversation With Painter Matt Jones. Huffington Post. Interview.

2015

Cox. Steven. Hunted Projects. Matt Jones. Interview.

Moustache Magazine. Matt Jones: The Gaming Painter. Interview.

Zimmer. Lori. Art Nerd. New York's Top Event Picks for the Week.

2014

A Perimeter. Issue One. Summer 2014. Portfolio.

Savdie. Ilana. Tucked In / Art Crush. Interview.

Leading Culture Destinations. Matt Jones. Interview.

Aspen. Aurora. Purple Diary. A Visit to Matt Jones's Studio.

2013

Bowen. Effie. Interview Magazine. "The Drawing Room is Off the Wall."

Ross. Cody. Contra. System Overload - Artist Matt Jones.

Martinez. Jamie. Art Fuse. Synthesis at Bottleneck Gallery.

2012

Thomas. BreakThru Radio. Art Uncovered: Matt Jones.

Harrison. Helen. Sag Harbor Express. Eye on Art - The Power of Sculpture. July 25.

Ulrich. Jorge. NY Arts Magazine. 30 Artists to Watch.

Sutphin. Eric. Beard and Brush. Noted: Seeing Stars - The Atlantic Conference Presents: The Final Frontier.

Fitzgerald. Ali. Daily Serving. Evil Dead 2 at Horton Gallery Berlin.

Calandra. Maria. Pencil in the Studio. Matt Jones.

Atkins. Devin Elise. Berlin Art Link. EVIL DEAD 2: Matt Jones and Kadar Brock at Horton Gallery.

Simkover. Rachel. Pigs (Berlin). Evil Dead 2 @ Horton Gallery.

Taylor. Leah. Flavor Pill. Meditating in Space.

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Bernstein. Julia. Purple Diary. Matt Jones at the Hole.
Finch. Charlie. Art Net. Drink Your Lola Cola.
Ross. Cody. i-D. Party in the city where the heat is on" & "Welcome to Miami Part II.
Russeth. Andrew. 16 Miles of String. "Control Alt Delete": A One-Night HKJB Show in Bushwick.
Sutphin. Eric. Beard and Brush. Review: Matt Jones Multiverse at Freight + Volume.
Sutphin. Eric. Artcritical. Punk Rock Nirvana: Matt Jones' Multiverse.
Locascio. Monica. Paper Magazine. Word Up! Last Call Gallery Hop!
Nalley. JD. Leaves of Glass. Multiverse: In the Plywood Forest of Matt Jones.
Dicker. Geoffrey. According2g. "Matt Jones: Multiverse."

Visiting Artist and Talks

2020

Artist Talk—Drawing During the Pandemic. Professor Mark Thomas Gibson. Tyler School of Art and Architecture. Philadelphia. PA.
Artist Talk—Drawing During the Pandemic. Professor Laura Frantz. Hunter College. New York. NY.
Studio Visit—ISCP Young Patrons. New York. NY.

2016

Artist Talk. Matt Jones—Abstraction. Professor Anna Kell. Bucknell University. Lewisburg. PA.

2014

Artist Talk and Studio Visits—Professor Mark Thomas Gibson. Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art. New York. NY.

2013

Matt Jones in conversation with Lucianne Walkowicz. Bleecker Street Arts Club. New York.