

## **Dimmitt Contemporary Art**

**Matthew Hawtin, Matthew Shlian + John Holt Smith**

*DIMENSIONS*

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Dimmitt Contemporary Art is pleased to present ***DIMENSIONS***, a group exhibition featuring new works by artists **Matthew Hawtin, Matthew Shlian** and **John Holt Smith**. An opening reception will be held on **Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 5:00 - 8:00pm**. The exhibition will be on view through Friday, October 27, 2023.

Matthew Hawtin creates work that refines painting down to its essential properties of line and form. His "Torqued" series features layers of acrylic paint on irregularly shaped canvases that are a reflection of the range of daily emotions, thoughts and feelings. Matthew Shlian's folded compositions are inspired by organic material and iterative patterns that invite the viewer to observe the contradiction of perfection in a hand produced object. Beginning with an initial fold, a single action causes a transfer of energy to subsequent folds, which ultimately manifest in drawing and three dimensional forms. John Holt Smith's intricately layered lines shimmer and vibrate on their cool, flat support, creating palpable rhythm and depth throughout. The colors absorb and reflect light to produce a subtle glow that emanates from within, revealing the aesthetic and spiritual essence of both the structural components and the system they create. Together, these artists present a body of work that is based in unique artistic processes that project paint and paper into a dimensional realm.

**Matthew Hawtin** (b. 1972 Banbury, UK) received his BFA from York University in Toronto, Canada and his MA in Art in Architecture from the University of East London, London UK. His work has been exhibited in solo and curated exhibitions in London, Berlin and Miami, as well as in national and international group shows, and is held in numerous private collections throughout the United States.

**Matthew Shlian** (b. 1980 Norwalk, Connecticut) received his BFA in Printmaking and Sculpture from Alfred University in Alfred, New York and his MFA in Print Media and Paper Engineering from Cranbrook Academy in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He has participated in solo and group exhibitions throughout the world and has been involved in projects with Apple, Grafik Magazine, Herman Miller, LEVI's, Sesame Street, Detroit Institute of Art, and many more.

**John Holt Smith** (b.1968 Fort Worth, Texas) received his BFA from University of California in Santa Barbara, California. His work has been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in New York, California and Fort Worth, and is held in public collections including Neiman Marcus and the DFW Airport as well as private collections throughout the United States.

**Dimmitt Contemporary Art** is a contemporary art gallery located in Upper River Oaks Houston. The gallery represents a roster of skilled national and international artists working in a variety of mediums. The gallery's program is focused on curating a diverse roster of artists and sharing their work through rotating exhibitions. The gallery prides itself in fostering relationships with private collectors that expands their understanding and appreciation of collecting contemporary art.

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Gallery Hours | Monday - Friday: 10AM - 5PM, Saturday - Sunday: By appointment