NEW CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERY OPENS IN LITTLE ROCK

Little Rock, AR - The New Gallery, a contemporary art gallery at 1619 Scott Street in Little Rock, will have its grand opening event on June 7, 2019, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. featuring the exhibit "I Used to Was", a solo exhibition of paintings and prints by Marc Mitchell, a Fayetteville artist and curator. The exhibit will run from June 7 – June 29, 2019.

Marc Mitchell has an MFA in painting from Boston University. His art has been featured in solo and two-person exhibitions throughout the United States, at institutions such as the University of Wisconsin, Madison; University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa; and REDUX Contemporary, Charleston. His work has been reviewed in the Boston Globe, as well as featured in New American Paintings in 2014, 2017, and 2018.

Mitchell's art explores themes such as appropriation, digital / screen culture, failed avant-garde movements from within his own studio practice, and the relationships between these seemingly disparate topics. In the past three years, Mitchell's studio practice has become increasingly influenced by dazzle ship camouflage, used extensively in World War I. The paintings and prints included in "I Used to Was" are artworks that feature black and white patterns meant to visually overwhelm the viewer and create spatial confusion, sometimes using shaped panels resembling the hull of a ship.

"I Used to Was" marks the grand opening for The New Gallery. Each month, The New Gallery will feature a new art exhibit. Gallery owners, David and Teresa Carlisle, are passionate about art and are looking to use the gallery as a vehicle to showcase new art from artists across the country. Tentative exhibits for the remainder of 2019 include art made by artists located in New York, Delaware, Minnesota, and Illinois. The gallery, located one block off Main Street on the corner of 17th and Scott Street, is poised to be a part of the growth and development in the SoMa neighborhood.

About The New Gallery:

The New Gallery is a contemporary art gallery featuring art made by emerging and mid-career artists. The gallery is owned and operated by David and Teresa Carlisle. David and Teresa are both Master of Fine Arts graduates from the University of Delaware with a combined 20+ years of experience in the art field. Gallery hours are by appointment.

To learn more about The New Gallery visit <u>www.thenewgallery.net</u>, <u>like us on Facebook</u>, or <u>follow us on Instagram at @thenewgalleryandstudio</u>.

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