

# BARTHA CONTEMPORARY

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## WINSTON ROETH

Private View : March 22, 6.30 – 8.30 PM  
Exhibition 23.3. – 19.5. 2012

Bartha Contemporary is delighted to announce our first solo exhibition at our new space in Fitzrovia, with recent works by American artist Winston Roeth (b. 1945).

Roeth's second exhibition with the gallery, features recent grid-drawings and a large horizontal diptych painting entitled 'Split Blue Square', alongside a selection of recent mid-format grid and containment paintings.

Working with raw pigment and a tempera medium, Roeth's spellbinding paintings have a dense matt surface that draws the viewer into the intensity of the colour alone, inviting long contemplation of the shifting picture plane. The presence and uncompromising quality of his work explores the phenomenology of colour itself, Roeth has been described as "...probably the best color-painter in New York." by American critic Michael Brennan.

Roeth's grid-works are reductive compositions that are made in an indecisive formula, as Roeth describes his practice as exploratory. There is a vibrant intensity in his grids, a visual experience, which through contrasts in light and colour forms a captivating final structure.

Containment paintings describe planes of colour, set within a defining frame. Painted on a variety of supports ranging from dibond, honeycomb and MDF panels. These works showcase the artist continued interest in working on a variety of supports. Additional paintings on raw cedar wood-panels as well as slate tiles, will be exhibited in the gallery's back-room and complete the installation.

An iPad catalogue-App documenting work from the past three decades will be published by Bartha Contemporary in April 2012, the app will be available for free.

Abstract Critical, a new forum for abstract art in Britain will host an exclusive Q&A session with the artist on Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> from 6.30, the event is free, however registration is essential, please visit <http://abstractcritical.com/2012/03/exhibition-preview-and-qa-with-winston-roeth/> to sign-up to this event.

The Exhibition is on view until May 19<sup>th</sup> 2012, please do not hesitate to contact the gallery for further information, for reproduction quality images please visit the gallery website at : <http://www.barthacontemporary.com/downloads/downloads.html>

Bartha Contemporary was founded in 2000, the gallery specializes in European and North American contemporary non-figurative and conceptual art. In 2012 the gallery opened a new exhibition space in Fitzrovia.