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NEW WORK BY LAS VEGAS NATIVE, CHICAGO ARTIST

ERIK BEEHN

MCQ Fine Art is pleased to announce its third exhibition of Las Vegas native, Erik Beehn, opening March 17, 2016, on view through May 20, 2016. Returning again from Chicago, where he completed his MFA studies at the Art Institute of Chicago in 2015, MCQ Fine Art will present a new selection of drawings, photo collages and a unique wallpaper installation. Erik's new work explores the loss of specificity in our visual landscape through additive and subtractive transformations.

Exploring generalized understandings of beauty and representation as a response to the ambiguity fostered by our current jpeg-circulating culture, Erik has stated that he is *"engaged in an art historical dialogue that includes the evolution of observational painting into abstraction. My work raises questions of authorship and individuality in collective value systems. Incorporating process as a form of content I employ an arc of mark-making techniques used throughout the 20th century in conversation with painting history."*

Erik has had a selection of solo exhibitions and group shows between 2011 and 2015, in Las Vegas, Chicago and North Dakota and was included in the Texas National 2012 at the Cole Art Center in Nacogdoches Texas, curated by Dave Hickey. He has participated in Visiting Artist and Lecture series at UNLV, University of North Dakota and Kala Art Institute in Berkeley, California. In addition, the evening prior to his opening at MCQ, he will be giving a lecture on ***Printmaking with Ellsworth Kelly*** at the Marjorie Barrick Museum at UNLV on **March 16 at 6pm.**

OPENING RECEPTION WITH THE ARTIST: March 17, 2016; 6-8pm

ABOUT MCQ FINE ART ADVISORY:

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