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KATHRYN MARKEL FINE ARTS PRESENTS *CONTINUUM* FEATURING NEW
PAINTINGS BY ERICK JOHNSON

February 26 - April 4, 2026
Artist Reception: February 26th, 6-8pm
529 W 20th St. 6W

NEW YORK, NY — February 7th, 2026—Kathryn Markel Fine Arts is pleased to announce an upcoming exhibition of new paintings by Erick Johnson titled *Continuum*. This is his third solo exhibition with the gallery. A reception for the artist will be held on February 26th from 6-8pm.

Johnson's abstract paintings explore the synergy between color and form. Irregular shapes stack and slide together, building walls of reverberating color. The elements touch occasionally, but most are separated by narrow white passages that create the illusion of forms suspended in space.

Johnson uses handmade tools to pull paint across the surface in layered passes. Small interruptions in the lines remain as evidence of the process. Opaque and translucent bands of color play against each other, creating rhythm and movement. Fluctuating stripes build vibrant, shifting polygons, while fuzzy edges bleed into the surrounding white. Some settle into place like masonry; others teeter on their neighbors.

The compositions feel active rather than fixed. The shapes become worlds of their own, grazing one another and pressing against the picture's edge. They are both grounded and moving - structured geometry animated by color. To Johnson the shapes "often straddle the line between object and opening, construction and evolution."



Erick Johnson holds an MFA from Bard College and a BFA from Empire State College. He has presented notable solo exhibitions, including at the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, VT, Gallery Neptune & Brown, Wash DC, and Furnace: Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, CT. He has also participated in group exhibitions at Pierogi Gallery, NYC, LABspace, Hillsdale, NY, and Bernay Fine Art in Great Barrington, MA amongst others. He is a new 2023 member of the historic American Abstract Artists group and lives and works in New York City.

IMAGE CAPTIONS

Erick Johnson, *The Sky Inside the Eye*, 2026, oil on canvas, 40 x 36 in.

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ABOUT KATHRYN MARKEL FINE ART

Established in 1976 with the belief that significant contemporary art can be beautiful as well as visually and intellectually rigorous, Kathryn Markel Fine Art is committed to the experience of discovery and collecting at the highest level. Committed to serving a deep network of collectors and institutions, Kathryn Markel Fine Art showcases a diverse array of primary market artists, unified by excellence in their craft, compelling intellectual framework, and a love of the art-making process. <https://www.markelfinearts.com/>

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