

BASELINE

CURATED BY MELISSA STAIGER



Jeff Fichera, 2015, "Modular Painting - Red Hologram",
oil on panel, 36" x 45"

OPENING RECEPTION
Friday, January 15th, 6PM - 9PM

ON VIEW
January 15th - February 12th
(Saturday's from 1PM - 6PM or by appointment)

PANEL DISCUSSION
Moderated by John Ros of galleryELL
Saturday, January 30th, 3PM - 4PM

"Being creative is not so much the desire to do something as the listening to that which wants to be done: the dictation of the materials."

- Anni Albers

The exhibition *Baseline* explores five artists connection to materials, texture and surface.

Sophia Chai uses materials such as tape, paper, house paint and natural light with a 4" x 5" camera to create abstract photographs to mesh space and image. These photographs defy how we expect to see photographic space.

Jeff Fichera paints intricate works that convey a spectacularly subtle and elusive surface. Fichera has created new modular paintings that consist of 16 panels that can be reconfigured in differing ways to create a red hologram pattern and the illusion of reflected light.

MaDora Frey has created geometric sculptures with painted texture, mirror and light. With titles such as "Kaleidoscope" you feel edges and edgelessness in her work. She ties that expansive feeling with mossy and earthy colors that are reminiscent of cells and plant life.

Rhia Hurt's new wall installation of three-dimensional, mostly white and clear plastic constructed collages that hover together. This work explores the metaphysical feelings of abstraction and nature.

Beatrice Wolert works with various materials such as ceramics, fabric, paper, wood, found objects and cement. Her series of white ceramic sculptures will hang off of drift wood. Wolert is interested in the dialog between found and hand made objects.

Melissa Staiger is the 2016 Curator-in-Residence at Trestle Projects.

Baseline will continue with a collaboration with an on-line exhibition on transient hybrid galleryELL from January 25 - April 24 with additional images and information about the artists. Visit <http://galleryell.com>.