

Matthew Murphy (Based in Boston, MA)

Artist Bio

Matthew Murphy is a painter living and working in Boston, MA. His monumental, geometric constructions invoke the work of acclaimed abstract artists like Josef Albers and Alexander Calder. Using a unique visual language composed of iterative organic forms and shaped canvases, Murphy explores the complexities of color and blurs the lines between painting and sculpture.

After earning his MFA from the University of Washington, Murphy worked as an assistant professor at Montserrat College of Art and became a visiting lecturer at the University of Arkansas, Dartmouth College, Western Connecticut State University, Massachusetts College of Art, and Mt. Gretna School of Art. He now works as both a preparator at Tufts University Art Gallery and an Arts Editor for Grid Books, a Somerville-based publishing company dedicated to highlighting underrepresented writers. He has also recently curated a show at Boston University's Stone Gallery titled *Field Visions* (2022), which was featured in both *The Boston Globe* and the *Boston Art Review* for its innovative perspective on landscapes.

Murphy has had solo and two-person shows at Schlosberg Gallery (Beverly, MA), Hynes Convention Center (Boston, MA), FP3 Gallery (Boston, MA), Emmanuel College (Boston, MA), Sugar Gallery (Fayetteville, AR), Laconia Gallery (Boston, MA), and Cassela Gallery (Boston, MA). He has also been featured in group exhibitions organized by AREA Gallery (Boston, MA), Atlantic Wharf Gallery (Boston, MA), The Painting Center (NY, NY), New Bedford Art Museum, Massachusetts College of Art, Paul Scott Library (Beverly, MA), Fountain Studios (Brooklyn, NY), Camel Art Space (Brooklyn, NY), and Bowery Gallery (NY, NY). He has received residencies from the Siena Art Institute and the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation, although the latter was unfortunately canceled by the Covid-19 pandemic. His work has been recognized in the form of grants given by the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, Montserrat College of Art, Massachusetts College of Art, and the University of Washington.