

Ross + Kramer is thrilled to present the debut solo exhibition of Ross Caliendo, entitled *Forever & Ever*. The exhibition will run from October 21 to November 13, 2021 at the gallery's Chelsea location.

Forever & Ever consists of a new suite of paintings by Caliendo that present a succinct expression of the artist's interest in color and color theory. Landscape is the primary subject of Caliendo's work, functioning as a conduit for his chromatic explorations. He paints with a thick impasto over a bright monochromatic underpainting in a contrasting color before using the back of a brush or a palette knife to carve into the surface to reveal that contrasting color. The tension between the surface and the underpainting creates a chromatic vibration that hums with intensity. The artist constructs a custom lattice frame for his paintings that further accentuates the palette of each. Caliendo's rich color schemas lend a heightened sense of surreality to describe the natural world. Familiar vistas of trees, bodies of water, and mountainscapes become oddly unfamiliar when shifted into the extremes of the color spectrum.

The exhibition consists of six large scale paintings, one in each of the colors of the rainbow; three even larger scale paintings, each in a primary color; and one greyscale and red painting on the back wall of the gallery. The rear small gallery features five small scale monochromatic paintings in the colors of the rainbow -- "bird's eye views" that are exhibited alongside a painting of an eagle against a rich, red sky.

Ross Caliendo (b. 1988, Pittsburgh, PA), lives and works in Los Angeles, CA. Exhibitions include Grifter, New York; No Place Gallery, Columbus, OH; Phil Gallery, Los Angeles, CA; Fisher Parrish Gallery, New York, NY; Night Gallery, Los Angeles, CA and Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA. Caliendo's work has been covered by *Arazi Club Magazine*, *Columbus Alive!*, and *New American Paintings*.

Ross + Kramer is open to the public from Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM at 515 West 27th Street, New York, NY. Ross + Kramer will publish a monograph cataloguing this exhibition, release date forthcoming. For more information, or to inquire about available works, please contact info@rkgallery.com or call +1 917 675 7293.