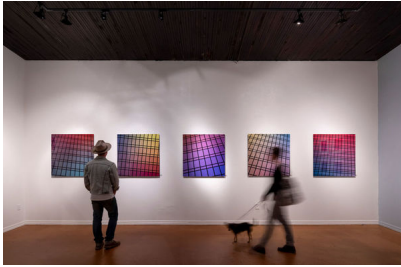


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*"Stratums" Exhibition at Walter Art Gallery Photo by GREY SHED STUDIOS*

Walter Art Gallery welcomed *Stratums* the joint exhibition of two valley artists, Jeff Davis and Tom Ortega. This impressive collection of abstract paintings and mixed media works made its debut in Scottsdale on January 18, 2019 with an incredible artist reception, record attendance and rave reviews.

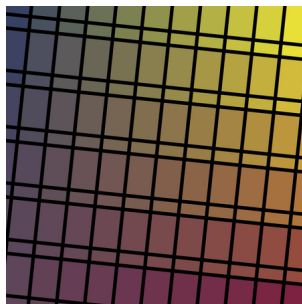


*Stratums* highlights the work of Jeff Davis and Tom Ortega, exploring surfaces and underpinnings with a masterful use of color and line. Through layering and shading both artists create imagery that invite the viewer into new spaces and unknown times while engage the imagination and pleasing the eye. This exhibition offers a wonderful pairing of artists and a brilliant juxtaposition of work.



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Each artist creates work in a unique way resulting in original, vibrant, and modern artwork. Davis creates abstract work using algorithmic processes, writing custom software in the programming language Processing that randomly determines compositional elements that explores geometric structure and color arrangement through computation and iteration.



*"Facade 4" by Jeff Davis*

While Ortega creates minimalist abstract paintings and sculptures, sanding the wood surfaces, pulling them apart and putting them back again allowing each piece to live a life before it is complete. Through layering of ghosted images and rubbings taken from one painting and added to another, each piece informs the next with his process reflecting a passage of time.

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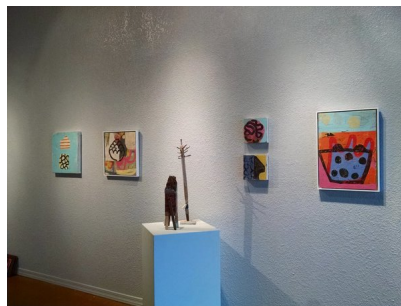
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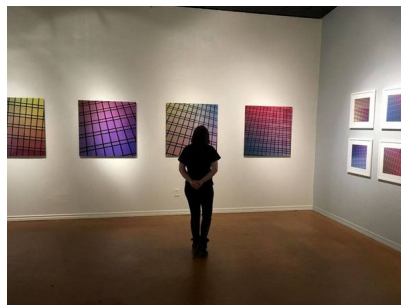
"Lucky You" By Tom Ortega

These seasoned artists were traditionally trained in the arts and both have exhibited their work extensively at venues throughout the U.S. and have work included many private, public and corporate collections. Davis received his BA in Mathematics and Studio Art from Lawrence University, and his MFA in Painting and Drawing from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Ortega received his BA in Drawing/Painting from North Texas University and a BA in Communications from Texas Tech University.



Featured Works by Tom Ortega

Mark your calendars and join Walter Art Gallery as they host the Closing Reception for *Stratums* on Friday, February 15, 2019 from 6:30-9:30pm. Walter Art Gallery is located at 6425 E. Thomas Road, Scottsdale AZ 85251. The Walter Project is an innovative community of artists, entertainers, makers, and visionaries who come together to form various creative ventures such as The Walter Art Gallery and The Walter Hive. Known for their art cars such as Walter the Bus, Big Red, and Kaliopé, the purpose of this community is to share joy and spark creativity through unique experiences.



Featured Works by Jeff Davis

For more information about The Walter Art Gallery or the current featured artists Jeff Davis and Tom Ortega visit <http://www.walter-art.com>.

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