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Josh Smith ***Sculpture***

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Opening reception: Thursday 10 September, 6-8pm

Luhring Augustine is pleased to present *Sculpture*, an exhibition of new work by Josh Smith. This will mark the artist's sixth solo exhibition with the gallery.

Smith's practice is defined by a spirit of restless and relentless experimentation. He thrives on risk, and his work resists being easily categorized or defined by a signature style. Smith is fundamentally a painter of abstraction, but he also creates figurative paintings, collages, sculptures, drawings, prints, books, and ceramics. He tends to work with certain motifs in a serial and repetitive manner that is exhaustive in its exploration of formal possibilities, and his varied and prolific output enables a continuous investigation and refinement of ideas. With this new body of work, Smith seeks to question certain parameters of painting and sculpture.

Josh Smith (b. 1976) is from Knoxville, Tennessee and lives and works in New York. He has had numerous solo exhibitions in the United States and abroad, including *Hidden Darts* at MUMOK in Vienna in 2008, *Who Am I* at De Hallen Haarlem in 2009, *Josh Smith* at the Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève in 2009, *The American Dream* at The Brant Foundation in Greenwich, CT in 2011, and most recently, *Josh Smith* at MACRO Testaccio, Rome in 2015. He has also participated in significant group exhibitions such as *The Generational Triennial: Younger Than Jesus* at the New Museum in New York, *ILLUMInations* in the 2011 Venice Biennale, *Le Printemps de Septembre* in Toulouse, *The Painting Factory: Abstraction after Warhol* at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, and *The Forever Now: Contemporary Painting in an Atemporal World* at the Museum of Modern Art, New York. His works are in important public collections including the Centre Pompidou, Paris, MUMOK, Vienna, the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, and the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

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