

GARDEN OF THE ZODIAC GALLERY, OLD OMAHA ASSOCIATION

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JEFF SEDREL

NEW PAINTINGS

Opening Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 7 to 9pm

Exhibition continues through January 14, 2020

1042 Howard Street

Omaha, Nebraska

The Garden of the Zodiac Gallery announces its first exhibition of mixed media artist Jeff Sedrel. Drawing is the central focus of Sedrel's work, executed by infusing traditional ink and brush painting with expressionist and popular culture sensibilities.

Small monochromatic works on paper reveal Sedrel's process of inventing a multi-faceted artistic language whose components are inspired by a range of imagery from cave drawings to consumer products. They are pictographic in character, combining essential geometric forms, familiar symbols and patterning. Part daily meditation and part studies for larger compositions, these paintings illuminate Sedrel's quest to achieve and describe a sense of balance.

The exhibition also features the artist's recent large paintings on newsprint and canvas in which he builds inky calligraphic gestures on acrylic ink base layers, often in a vivid palette of pinks and oranges. Here, Sedrel composes a visual narrative around a single or small group of centralized motifs. Frequently, his themes include animals—zebras, tigers and horses form the core of several works. For the artist, they represent twinned opposites such as predator/prey or wild/tamed nature, and often appear in dense settings in which rural and urban milieus intertwine. They become Sedrel's reflections of a delicate equilibrium in a complex world order.

Jeff Sedrel was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and raised in Omaha, where he received his BA in Studio Art from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2012. After college he moved to Richmond, Virginia, then to Los Angeles, and eventually back to Omaha again, participating in various art communities all the while. He was a 2017 Fellow at the Union for Contemporary Art under a collaborative multimedia project with Noah Sterba called Slowed Soul. His recent work has also been featured at Petshop Gallery and the Michael Phipps Gallery, where he exhibited with Holly Kranker.

Jeff Sedrel: New Paintings opens on the evening of November 14, 2019 and runs through January 14, 2020 in the Garden of the Zodiac Gallery, 1042 Howard Street. The gallery is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from noon to 8:00pm and on Sundays from noon to 6:00pm. For further information, please contact 402.341.1877, email gardenofthezodiac@gmail.com, or visit the Garden of the Zodiac page on Facebook.

