

ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS

NEW PAINTINGS BY H. WESLEY WHEELER

Show runs March 17 through April 11, 2009; Opening Reception, Thursday, March 19 from 6 - 9 pm.

Nevin Kelly Gallery will host a solo exhibition of new paintings by New York-based artist H. Wesley Wheeler in its new space in Columbia Heights. The exhibition is entitled "Atmospheric Conditions" and will run from March 17 until April 11, 2009. An opening reception with the artist will be held Thursday, March 19 from 6 until 9 o'clock p.m. The public is invited. The gallery is located at 1400 Irving Street, NW, #132 in Washington, DC.

With an exquisite instinct for balancing composition, color and energy, Wheeler creates templates on which each of us may overlay our own sense of mood and meaning. In this way, he paints works of enduring appeal, as the "message" changes with the perceptions, personal experience and current mood of the viewer.

While Wheeler's work is influenced by Mark Rothko's atmospheric canvases and by the color palettes of Edward Hopper, Vincent van Gogh and others, he paints in his own individual style. His work falls into two principal categories: color field abstraction inspired by cityscapes, landscapes or seascapes, and what the artist calls "narrative abstraction," in which he uses graphite, charcoal and pastel pencil to draw recognizable forms within the layers of a more traditionally abstract environment. His works are intended to suggest a story, a memory or a feeling supplied by the viewer

Wheeler describes himself as a "later blooming artist." He spent his career as a Fortune 300 executive but painted "in the closet" for much of his career in pursuit of a passion inherited from his mother, a portrait artist, and his uncle, a former curator for the Rockefeller Foundation and the Henry Ford Museum. Following retirement, Wheeler made his exhibition debut in 2005 with the Carrie Haddad Gallery in Hudson, NY. He has since exhibited in Massachusetts, New York City and Washington, DC. Wheeler is a native of a small town in New York's Hudson Valley. He currently resides in Ballston Spa, NY.

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