

HALSEY MCKAY GALLERY

ANDREW SCHOULTZ - *EARTH OEUVRE*

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Andrew Schoultz, Large Tree, 2022, Acrylic on canvas 85 x 176 inches

Halsey McKay is thrilled to present, *Earth Oeuvre*, our first solo exhibition with Los Angeles based artist Andrew Schoultz. Schoultz deploys a battery of familiar and new motifs to depict the ambiguity and turmoil of contemporary reality. His vocabulary is densely packed with meticulously rendered images and patterns that shimmer in optically vibrating paintings on canvas. Sourcing inspiration from hundreds of years of art history, ranging from stained glass, map making, miniature paintings, and comic books, Schoultz's imagery depicts an ephemeral history bound to repeat itself. Notions of war, spirituality and sociopolitical imperialism are reoccurring themes, which shrewdly parallel an equally repetitive contemporary pursuit of accumulation and power. While his depicted world seems chaotic and frenzied, it also implies a constant sense of wonder.

Moving between representation and abstraction, these hypnotic works are both dizzying and surprisingly meditative allegories that raise questions without posing clear answers. There are implicit references to cataclysm in his renderings of smashed or sinking cultural artifacts, fiery skies, volcanoes and twisting trees. While he points to the many contemporary threats to civilization, always present is the possibility of positive rebirth and hope as meditative patterns, hum into hypnotizing vortexes.

Andrew Schoultz was born in 1975 in Milwaukee, WI. He received his BFA from the Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA. Solo exhibitions have been at The Fort Wayne Museum of Art, IN; Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV; Monterey Art Museum, Monterey, CA; Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, CA; Galerie Droste, Wuppertal, DE; Volery Gallery, Dubai, UAE, among others. Schoultz has been included in exhibitions at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA; Andy Warhol Museum, PA; Torrance Art Museum, CA; Havana Biennial, Cuba; Hyde Park Arts Center, IL; Laguna Art Museum, CA; among others. His work can be seen in the public collections of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; Los Angeles County Museum of Art; The Marciano Foundation; Berkely Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive; Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego; Palm Springs Art Museum; and others. Schoultz lives and works in Los Angeles, CA.