

## NOON Projects Presents:

**MTWTFSS**

**by Travis Boyer**

**March 31 –  
May 6, 2023**

Opening March 31, 2023  
6–9 pm

NOON Projects is a gallery in Chinatown, Los Angeles. Our program showcases artists who work from the heart, with a focus on queerness, the divine, the natural world, craft, and social practices. We host an ongoing program of dinners, concerts, meditation groups, and community happenings.

We aim to create a welcoming space for artists and the community to connect and flourish. Please come by and see us – you are very welcome here.

NOON Projects is honoured to announce the first Los Angeles solo exhibition of artist Travis Boyer.

Known for creating spine-tingling paintings made with dye on silk velvet through a meticulous signature approach where impasto, reflection, and stain are achieved through careful manipulation of the velvet substrate, *MTWTFSS* offers one such unique painting for each day of the week.

Guided by a set of personal parameters from which each painting is deployed, Boyer began with a subject familiar to him, Mushrooms, and alliteratively assigned that painting as: Mushroom, Monday. Over several months this rubric expanded to Thistles, Willows, Tomatoes, Fountains, Stars, and Sand Dollars, each charged with Boyers' unique style that reconciles kitsch and camp with the eternal. The result is a seven part ecology of intimate paintings that rest between abstraction and figuration, drawing the viewer into a world both familiar and preternatural.

There is little to compare between Boyers' velvet paintings and popular black velvet paintings of the late mid 20th century, however the artist does reach towards a variety of pop culture references in generating the work. Methods of hair and makeup styling—coiffing the surface with a blow dryer, qualities of liquid eyeliner, dry brush contouring, and spit curls freely enter his painting vocabulary.

In an interview with Los Angeles based actor Jason Greene AKA Freckle, Boyer reveals how as a young queer kid growing up in Texas, seeing the image of Christina Applegate in a crushed velvet dress on the popular TV series *Married with Children* initiated a love for velvet. "Seeing 16 year old (Applegate) descending the staircase of that dingy house/set in her red crushed velvet dress- looked so contrasting and stunning, when my work is really successful, that's the effect it has."

Travis Boyer was born in Fort Worth, TX. He lives and works in New York City. He holds a BFA in Fibers from UNT and he received his MFA with concentration in painting from Bard College in 2012. Boyer's practice employs a range of media and methods: from painting, textile, sculpture, photography, and is known for making sumptuous paintings using dye on silk velvet. While diverse in form, this body of work is fundamentally grounded in textiles.

Boyers paintings are in the permanent collections of the The High Museum, Atlanta, the Portland Museum of Art, and the Hood Museum. Boyer has exhibited internationally at museums and galleries including The Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam; The New Museum, New York; Kunstverein, Amsterdam, Holland; The Goethe Institute, New York; High Desert Test Sites, Joshua Tree, California, SOMA Arts, San Francisco; CAMH, Houston; False Flag Gallery, New York; Johannes Vogt Gallery, New York; Participant Inc., New York; Dumbo Arts Center, New York; Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, among others.

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Travis Boyer  
*Mushrooms /*  
*Monday, 2023*

Dye on Silk Velvet  
Panel in Artists  
Frame

60 x 42 3/4 In  
152.4 x 108.6 cm



Travis Boyer  
*Fountians / Friday,*  
*2023*

Dye on Silk Velvet  
Panel in Artists  
Frame

60 x 42 3/4 In  
152.4 x 108.6 cm



Travis Boyer  
*Thistles / Tuesday,*  
*2023*

Dye on Silk Velvet  
Panel in Artists  
Frame

60 x 42 3/4 In  
152.4 x 108.6 cm



Travis Boyer  
*Stars / Saturday,*  
*2023*

Dye on Silk Velvet  
Panel in Artists  
Frame

60 x 42 3/4 In  
152.4 x 108.6 cm



Travis Boyer  
*Willows /*  
*Wednesday, 2023*

Dye on Silk Velvet  
Panel in Artists  
Frame

60 x 42 3/4 In  
152.4 x 108.6 cm



Travis Boyer  
*Sandollars /*  
*Sunday, 2022*

Dye on Silk Velvet  
Panel in Artists  
Frame

60 x 42 3/4 In  
152.4 x 108.6 cm



Travis Boyer  
*Tomatoes /*  
*Thursday, 2023*

Dye on Silk Velvet  
Panel in Artists  
Frame

60 x 42 3/4 In  
152.4 x 108.6 cm

