

# PRACTISE

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## Timo Andersson

### *Modern Dances*

9/22/19–10/13/19

### **Closing Reception Sunday 10/13/19 1- 4pm**

**PRACTISE** is thrilled to present *Modern Dances* an exhibition of new works by Timo Andersson. *Modern Dances* consists of a recent series of abstract paintings that reflect the artist's continued exploration of gesture, process and layering.

Andersson's practice is concerned with the idea of maintaining a sense of personal continuity; this manifests in the recurring and distinct physical form of his work and its content, as well as the cyclical nature of his process, where much of his work is constantly re-configured and re-contextualized - fabrics are recycled, removed, re-attached and painted over; specific colors and gestures carry on from one painting to another.

Using different kinds of mesh fabrics as a backdrop for his abstract compositions, his visually intricate works have a subtle, slightly uneasy aura; a sort of tender force that seems to be directed inwards, as if their picture-plane was slowly imploding. The rigid polyester mesh surface acts a sort of distortion field, on which all painterly gestures are softly warped and thrown out of balance. Even the slightest bit of detail has a sense of unreleased tension to it.

The paintings are always surrounded by a colored polypropylene strap, a sort of soft border, that functions both as a frame and a personal signifier. This gives his paintings a sculptural, object-like quality that helps contain the complicated choreography found in *Modern Dances*.

**Timo Andersson lives and works in Helsinki, Finland. He graduated with an MFA degree from the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts. He has exhibited his work in a number of solo, two-person and group exhibitions around Finland and Europe, as well released and performed experimental music. This is the first time his work has been shown in the United States. This exhibition has been made possible with funding from The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland/Svenska Kulturfonden.**

PRACTISE is an independently run artist-centered exhibition space located in Oak Park, IL directed by artist and educator Zachary Buchner. Acknowledging a long tradition of alternative spaces in Oak Park and Chicago, our goal is to continue this lineage of community and discourse.

Hours: Sundays 1–4PM or by appointment  
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