

PRACTISE

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LEDGERWOOD + NELSON

Summer Skin

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Artist Talk 7/22@ 2pm

PRESS RELEASE

PRACTISE is excited to present our second exhibition, *Summer Skin*, featuring artists Judy Ledgerwood and Zoe Nelson. This show brings together two painters from different generations, whose explorations collide in divergent but overlapping ways.

In *Summer Skin*, Ledgerwood brings her trademark use of wildly vibrating color to life in a new work entitled *Broken Spectrum*, 2017. A large, shifting and draping grid of faceted triangles, act as individual frames for a motif of juicy, occasionally melting flora. For Ledgerwood, the drips, scumbles, squeezes and blobs serve as vehicles that move between states of clarity and disorder into a kind of beautiful entropic state. *Broken Spectrum* is a visually arresting, subversive and sensual challenge to the long history of abstraction.

Nelson's contribution, *My Pussy*, 2017, demonstrates her continued ability to move fluidly between figuration and abstraction. Absent are the physical holes and cut-outs of earlier work, replaced by the layering and knotting of bodies and forms, all within a relatively shallow but visually dense space. Illusionistic holes reveal a series of disembodied eyes—mystical forms that seem to paradoxically evoke both openness and blockage. Together they create an instability, which questions (or queers) the parameters of a body. The compression and color in *My Pussy* brings forth a space not of painting or architecture like *Broken Spectrum*, but instead resembles the space layered into our daily lives through technology. A sideways glance, a swipe to a site where the skin of a screen meets the skin of a painting.

A limited edition silkscreened poster designed by Cody Hudson will be printed in conjunction with the exhibition. All proceeds will be donated to Planned Parenthood.

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Born in 1959, Judy Ledgerwood lives and works in Chicago, Illinois. Ledgerwood is Director of Graduate Studies and Professor of Art Theory and Practice at Northwestern University. She has had numerous solo exhibitions worldwide, most recently at Tracy Williams Ltd, New York, NY (2016); The Suburban, Milwaukee, WI (2016); Hausler Contemporary, Austria (2015); among many others. Her work is included in several public collections including at the Art Institute of Chicago, IL, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, the Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles among others.

Born in 1983, Zoe Nelson lives and works in Chicago, Illinois. She received an MFA from Columbia University and a BA from Barnard College. Nelson currently teaches in the Art, Media and Design Department at DePaul University. She has mounted solo exhibitions at Lighthouse Works Gallery, Fishers Island, NY (2017); Cleve Carney Art Gallery, Glen Ellyn, IL (2015); Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL (2014); among others. Zoe has participated in numerous residences including Pont-Aven School of Contemporary Art (France) and Yale University Norfolk Summer Program (CT).

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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