



JOSEPH HART: NERVOUS SYSTEMS  
NOVEMBER 6 - DECEMBER 13, 2021





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Romer Young Gallery is pleased to present *Nervous Systems*, a solo exhibition of paintings by New York artist Joseph Hart. This is the artist's fourth solo exhibition with the gallery. The exhibition will be on view Saturday, November 6th through Saturday, December 18, 2021 with an opening reception on Saturday, November 6th, 1-4 pm.

*Nervous Systems* is centered around Hart's love for drawing. Earnestly using only oil sticks on primed stretched canvas, the eight paintings on view highlight Hart's signature linework and capture a sense of curiosity, complexity and simplicity. "While making this body of work, I thought about the thousands of drawings I've made in my lifetime and the development, care, and dedication that went into all that work. At times I caught myself tracing some of those memories in an effort to tease out my history. I trusted and believed in my moves and marks as I was making them. I didn't feel compelled to edit, erase, or sex up any of that honesty. No second guessing. The crawl and curve and touch of a wandering line on an empty ground holds mountains of power and information. Nothing is hiding. It's all right there in the delivery and character of the thing.

I thought about tempo as an illusion - these marks and actions happened relatively slowly but read as quick. Imagine a (break) dancer mimicking an aggressive movement as if it were in slow motion. I appreciate the craft behind those physical and visual tricks. And how it feels to stylize and repeat a mark - all that wonderful practice and control that can be applied in different ways and at different times. I thought about nervous systems, armatures and our bones as super structures of protection and support. I wanted to describe a posture and translate an unnamable feeling into dynamic marks on the surface."

Joseph Hart is a New York (unceded land of the Lenape peoples) based visual artist. His work can be found in the public collections of the RISD Museum, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Davis Museum at Wellesley College and The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Hart received a B.F.A. from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1999. Hart lives in Brooklyn, New York, with his partner and two children.

Concurrent with his studio practice, Hart is the founder and producer of Deep Color™ - an independent oral history project and podcast that features artists and arts professionals discussing their work, ideas and lives. Deep Color™ has participated in public programming at On Air Fest, The Armory Show and New Art Dealers Alliance (NADA).

For additional information please contact the gallery at 415.550.7483 or email [info@romeryounggallery.com](mailto:info@romeryounggallery.com).



*Nervous Systems Installation View*



Comic, 2021  
Oil on canvas  
30 x 28  
[JHO36]

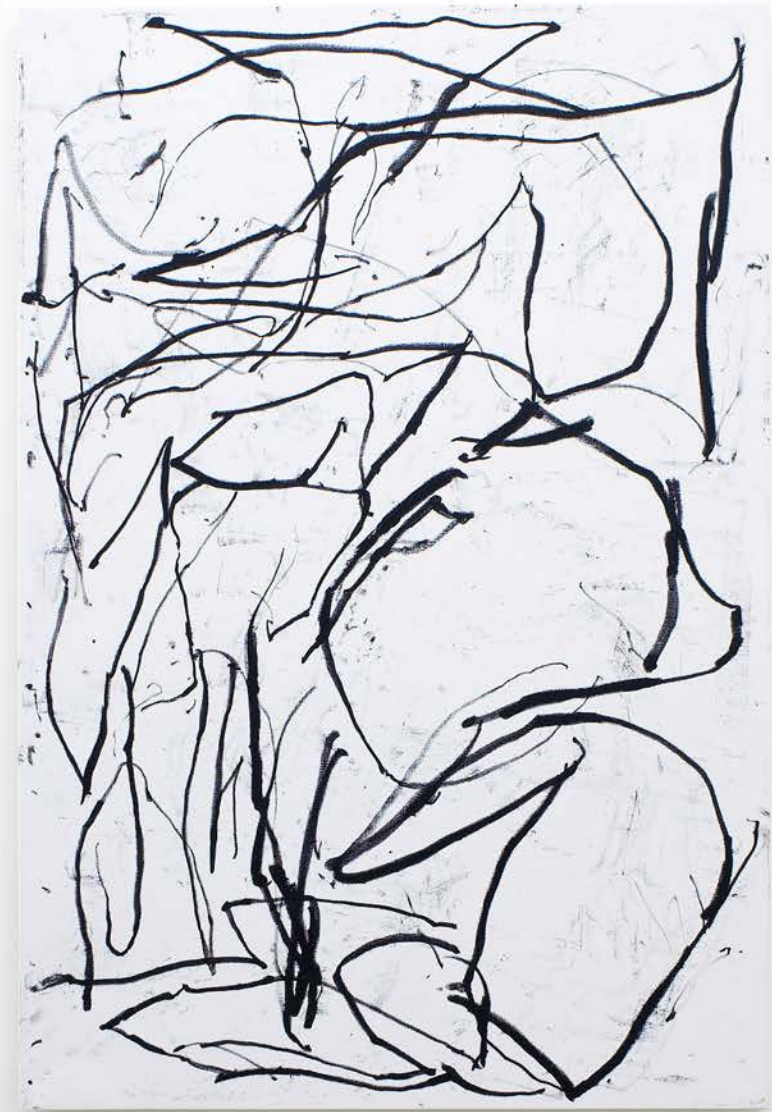




Comic (detail)



Protozoso (detail)



*Protozoso*, 2021  
Oil on canvas  
44 x 30  
[JHO33]



*Protozoso*  
(detail)



*Nervous Systems Installation View*





*Session Musician*, 2021  
Oil on canvas  
24 x 18  
[JHO37]





*Session Musician*  
(detail)

Op, 2021  
Oil on canvas  
72 x 56  
[JH029]





Op (detail)





Torero, 2021, Oil on canvas, 30 x 60 [JHO32]



Torero (detail)

*PBSS*, 2021  
Oil on canvas  
72 x 52  
[JHO30]







PBSS (detail)





## JOSEPH HART (he/his)

b. 1976, New Hampshire (unceded land of the Alnobak people)  
Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY (unceded land of the Lenape people)

## EDUCATION

1999, Rhode Island School of Design, BFA

## SOLO & TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2021 Nervous Systems, Romer Young Galley, San Francisco, CA  
2020 Unnamable, Halsey Mckay Gallery, East Hampton, NY  
2019 NADA House/Govenor s Island, New York, NY  
2018 Monk Tooth, Romer Young Gallery, SF CA  
2018 Blood Orange, Halsey Mckay Gallery, East Hampton, NY  
2017 NADA NEW YORK with Halsey Mckay & Romer Young, New York, NY  
2016 Chud Silo, Halsey Mckay Gallery, East Hampton, NY  
2016 Pussy Willow, Romer Young Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
2014 Joseph Hart & Tamara Zahaykevich, Dieu Donn , New York, NY  
2014 Dread Blush, David Krut Projects, New York, NY  
2014 Excavator, Romer Young Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
2013 Angel Error, Halsey Mckay Gallery, East Hampton, NY  
2013 Delong & Hart, Cooper Cole Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
2012 Odd Antique, Halsey Mckay Gallery at The New York Design Center, New York, NY  
2011 Joseph Hart & Ruby Sky Stiler, Halsey Mckay Gallery, East Hampton, NY  
2010 Out of Moments, Galerie Vidal SaintP halle, Paris, France  
2007 Beautiful Balance, Galerie Vidal SaintP halle, Paris, France  
2006 The Belief Signal, Galleri Loyal, Stockholm, Sweden

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 Shady Beautiful, Malin Gallery, New York, NY  
2018 Night, Shortly, Susan Inglett Gallery, New York, NY  
2018 Spatial Flux, Gregoary Allicar Museum of Art, Fort Collins, CO  
2017 What s Up The Americas, LVH ART, London, England  
2017 New York, New Work, Albada Jelgersma Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
2017 Brass Tacks, Anat Ebgj, Los Angeles, CA  
2017 What s Up New York, LVH ART, New York, NY  
2017 Drawing Island, Journal Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
2016 Flat Fix, CODE, Copenhagen, Denmark  
2016 Summerzcool, David Shelton Gallery, Houston, TX

2015 Pattern/Chaos, Cinders Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
2014 Works On Paper, Hunted Projects, Tillburg, Netherlands  
2014 Winter Show, Gallery Steinsland Berliner, Stockholm, Sweden  
2014 Volatile, Galleri Jacob Bjorn, Aarhus, Denmark  
2013 News from New York, Galleri Tom Christoffersen, Copenhagen, Denmark  
2013 Up in Smoke, Greenpoint Terminal Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
2012 Black Foliage, Nudashank, Baltimore, MD  
2012 Finders Keepers, Frederieke Taylor Gallery at TSA, Brooklyn, NY  
2012 Sixth Sax, Halsey Mckay Gallery, East Hampton, NY  
2011 Go Figure, Dodge Gallery, New York, NY  
2011 Incognito, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA  
2011 Cover Version LP, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY  
2010 New New York, Frans Masereel Center, Kasterlee, Belgium  
2010 All This and Not Ordinary, Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, NY  
2009 New Prints / Summer 2009, International Print Center, New York, NY  
2009 Subverted Genres, Sue Scott Gallery, New York, NY  
2009 With Hidden Noise, David Krut Projects, New York, NY  
2008 New Editions / Forth Estate, Klaus Von Nichtssagend Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
2008 Cover Version, Taylor De Cordoba, Los Angeles, CA  
2008 Accident Blackspot, Galerie Markus Winter, Berlin, Germany  
2007 Work In Progress, Galleri Magnus Aklundh, Malmo, Sweden  
2007 Here And Elsewhere, The Bronx Museum of The Arts, NY  
2006 Forth Estate Editions, Klaus Von Nichtssangend Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
2006 CRG Presents / Klaus Gallery, CRG Gallery, New York, NY  
2006 You Have To Be Almost Gifted To Do What I Do, Alexander & Bonin, New York, NY  
2006 Don t Abandon Ship, Allston Skirt Gallery, Boston, MA  
2005 Selected Drawings, Klaus Von Nichtssangend, Brooklyn, NY  
2005 Loyal And His Band, Galleri Loyal, Stockholm, Sweden  
2005 Greater Brooklyn, CRG Gallery, NYC  
2005 Young Mountain, Sharon Arts Center, Peterborough, NH  
2004 Gondola Mayo Funnel, Mimi Bar Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
2004 East River, New Image Art, Los Angeles, CA  
2004 Dude Ranch, Space 1026, Philadelphia, PA

## AWARDS & HONORS

2014 Residency Fellowship, Dieu Donn , New York, NY  
2010 Juror, Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop / Studio Immersion Project, New York, NY  
2010 Guest Lecture, Northeastern University / Dept. of Art & Design, Boston, MA  
2009 Guest Lecture, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD  
2009 Selected Artist, North American Print Biennial, Boston University, Boston, MA  
2008 Selected Artist, Art Cologne / New Talents, Cologne, Germany  
2008 Juror, Scholastic Art Awards / Division of Printmaking and Drawing, New York, NY  
2007 Selected Artist, AIM Program / The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY

2006 Guest Lecture, Harvard University / Advocate Arts Presents, Cambridge, MA  
2005 Residency Fellowship, Saltonstall Foundation for The Arts, Ithaca, NY

#### SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Price, Walter, From Above, OVRHMG, March 2021  
Kashi, Pali, The Sound of a Joseph Hart Painting, OVRHMG, March 2021  
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Gnadinger, Autumn L, Art of Gravity, January, 2021  
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Rich, Matthew, Joseph Hart, and You, Stagecraft Catalogue, November, 2009  
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Hartig, Frederik, Das Gefrorene Meer No. 4, 2008  
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Chu, Ingrid, Accident Blackspot, Time Out New York, August, 2008  
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Stockwell, Craig, Young Mountain, Art New England, October, 2005  
Alessandrelli, Irina Zucca, La risposta di Brooklyn alla Grande NY, Flash Art, August, 2005  
Martin, Kristian, Amy, Loyal And His Band, Loyal Books Vol.1, March, 2005

#### TEACHING

20072 019, Lecturer, The City College of New York, New York, NY  
2015 & 2019, Visiting Instructor, Penland School of Craft, Penland, NC  
2014, Critic, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

#### PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Rhode Island School of Design Museum  
Davis Museum at Wellesley College  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art  
The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art



Studio Shot, Brooklyn, NY



*Palmed*, 2021  
Oil on canvas  
40 x 30  
[JH034]





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