

## RL Fine Arts: Contemporary art project

Ari Lankin

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Exhibition:

August 1 to August 31 2013

Opening reception:

Thursday August 1 6:00 to 8:30pm



*Brainstorm*, 2013, 71 x 71 inches, acrylic on canvas

*I find it fascinating that an image, specifically a painting, has the ability to stimulate many levels of the human psyche. The long history of painting has proven that the imagery and consideration of materials is as varied as the people who paint. This history offers a healthy challenge to me as a maker of objects and images. It is my passion to foster a better understanding of the world I live in through the medium of painting. - Ari Lankin*

RL Fine Arts is pleased to present an exhibition of new paintings by New York based artist Ari Lankin.

This is the artist's second show with the gallery, and shows his evolving mastery of the medium of painting. Working for the first time on larger canvases, these exciting paintings are testament to Lankin moving his art and expression into new and dynamic areas, constantly pushing the limits of his technique and sense of composition to produce paintings full of joy and energy.

The cycle/series of these works is very much entwined with Lankin's sense of spirituality. We move from the first cognition of space and the infinite beyond, through the gathering of energies into life form, the pulsing of physical matter and mental force, through to a culmination of spirit, dissolving and leading once again to infinity. It is an ambitious and thoughtful series that, for the artist, brings a varied expression that encapsulates his very personal and unique style, honoring the brilliance of abstract art that precedes him, but also approaches new territory. The works explode with energy and physicality, pathways and mindscapes for the viewer to commune with.

Ari Lankin has a great respect for art history and exploration of materials. He is known for several bodies of work exploring abstraction, conceptual ideas, and painting from observation. He worked at the Guggenheim for over seven years as an educator spending countless hours engaged with art objects and patrons. Not only a painter, he collaborates in a wide variety of media with individuals and brands. Some of his most notable collaborations are designing a limited edition shoe for Adidas, assisting Tino Sehgal during his solo show at the Guggenheim, and recent painting commissions for a Fortune 500 company. Lankin lives in Manhattan where he has had his studio in East Harlem for the past seven years. He received his BFA with High Honors in Painting and Economics from Brandeis University.

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