

**ABSTRACT ALCHEMISTS EXHIBITION OPENS OCTOBER 16TH  
AT HEATHER JAMES FINE ART!**

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ANDREW MASULLO

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October 7 2009—Palm Desert, CA.—Heather James Fine Art is pleased to present Abstract Alchemists; a group exhibition on October 16, 2009 with an opening reception from 6-8 p.m. The exhibition features three contemporary artists Chris Martin, Andrew Masullo, and Steve Roden, whose modern abstractions express the meaning of alchemy, or the transformation of nothing into something with their distinct use of shape, color, form and texture.

Chris Martin was born in Washington D.C. His work features abstract pieces with elements of collage that reference nature and the imagery of environment. He is influenced by artists such as Paul Feeley, Yayoi Kusama and others who are also concerned with the formal qualities of painting.

Andrew Masullo focuses obsessively and intensely on abstract paintings using predominantly primary and unmixed colors. The works involve inspiration from music as well as the artist's pantheon of art heroes including Florine Stettheimer, Forrest Bess, Picabia, Max Ernst and Matisse. Serendipity, skill and technique plus a free wheeling process of choice all contribute to the eventual evolution of a painting.

Steve Roden is a visual and sound artist from Los Angeles. His working process uses various forms of specific notation (words, musical scores, maps, etc.) and translates them through self invented systems into scores, which then influence the process of painting, drawing, sculpture, and sound composition.

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