

ROBERT WALKER
AT HEATHER JAMES FINE ART, PALM DESERT, CA



Robert Walker, *Mothership*, 2010, carved acrylic on wood, 62 x 70 x 2 1/4 in.

March 15, 2011 - Palm Desert, CA - Heather James Fine Art is pleased to present new paintings and drawings by artist Robert Walker. The exhibition is on view March 26 - May 2011, with an opening reception Saturday, March 26, 6 - 8 pm. For more information, please contact Emily Friedman at emily@heatherjames.com

In his first solo exhibition with Heather James Fine Art, Robert Walker presents an exhibition of new paintings and drawings. The visual effect of Walker's recent work is both subtle and hypnotic. Approaching painting as a sculptor, Walker's new work combines the usage of intricate bas-relief surfaces produced from multi-layers of segmented paint that are fused together, producing multi-colored images and topographical surface areas. Walker has long been a student of Buddhism and his abstract compositions are variations of traditional images used in Buddhist illustration.

Walker's drawings are essentially non-traditional in the use of materials and include a series of what he calls "Hard Drawings" which are variations and meanderings on the mandala. In Buddhist theory, mandalas are created as a tool for visualization and meditation. The mandala is a container of energy, a universal symbol that relates to the imagery we contemplate on a cosmic level and realize on the temporal level.

Robert Walker was born in Los Angeles where he lives and works today. He received his MFA from the University of California, Irvine and has shown extensively in the United States, Asia, and South East Asia.

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