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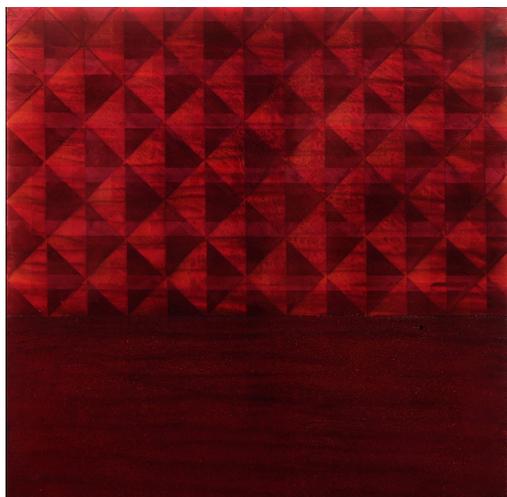
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PIERO SPADARO

OCTOBER 3 - NOVEMBER 4, 2017

George Billis Gallery is pleased to represent Piero Spadaro and his new paintings at the New York location. This exhibition will run from October 3 - November 4, 2017. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on Thursday, October 5th from 6-8 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 - 6pm.

Spadaro's initial works in the series began with patterns, focused on optical illusion, simpler line pattern and repetition. The artist quickly moved away from organic pattern, to a more systematic geometry. The natural choice was to look into the geometric structure of stone cuts, *Bling!* Patterns and ultimately color schemes of gemstones found themselves as a vehicle for his *Razzle Dazzle* collection. These camo-paintings are a cheeky acknowledgement of a paintings effort to disguise a wall. They are loud, upfront, and at times disorientating. Some of them have no set orientation.



You Do You, glitter, acrylic, pigment, and resin on panel, 36x36"



Game, glitter, acrylic, pigment, and resin on panel, 72x48"

Spadaro is drawn to a period of creation, largely within design referred to as pattern and decoration. This informed a lot of the ideas of repeating patterns and elevations. When considering the paintings cues from jewelry/craft, he strived to maintain tight and pristine surface characteristics of the subject, an arduous but necessary undertaking. Choices such as glitter, and resin provide a necessary vehicle to mimic the light absorbed and reflected in jewelry.

The George Billis Gallery marks its 20th year in the Chelsea Art district and its sister gallery is located in the burgeoning gallery district of Culver City in Los Angeles. For more information, please contact the gallery via e-mail at gallery@georgebillis.com or visit our website at www.georgebillis.com.

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