

Joshua Aster, Thicket, 2013, Oil on linen, 64 x 69 inches

Joshua Aster: Innerverse

at Edward Cella Gallery

The title of Joshua Aster's elegant and masterful show, Innerverse, at Edward Cella Gallery expresses both the complexity and lyricism that is at the heart of Aster's artistic practice. These paintings, all oil on linen, while conceptual and largely based on biomorphic shapes, are also emotionally rigorous and vaguely narrative in that the forms suggest intimacies, essential connections and/or elemental correlations between color, space and movement. Works like "Panes" and "Thicket" operates on a multiplicity of levels that seemingly engage all the senses at once, and standing in front of these paintings feels akin to being momentarily, and willingly, submerged into earth's core. Aster' is a vital and necessary heat.

~Eve Wood

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