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## NATE ETHIER: *SPEAK ABOUT THE OCEAN*

April 7 – May 21, 2016



Nancy Margolis Gallery is pleased to present Nate Ethier's first solo exhibition in New York, *Speak About The Ocean*, opening on Thursday, April 7, 2016. The artist's reception will be held April 7, 6 to 8pm. The exhibition will remain on view through May 21, 2016.

Nate Ethier's stunning geometric abstractions resonate with intense color and distinct forms. The principal themes and characteristics in his paintings are a loosely formatted grid, striking color, layered marks and systems structured rigidly, evenly and, at times, symmetrically. Strong contrasting colors, gestural brush strokes, opaque to transparent layers intertwine austere minimalism with moments of subtle softness. Treasured childhood memories impact Ethier's consciousness as seen in the rendering of building bricks, a link to his father, and in the title of the exhibition, *Speak About The Ocean*, reflecting unforgettable memories of the sea growing up in a coastal town. Working more comfortably large, Ethier acknowledges that his paintings translate naturally and easily to the more monumental scale. Ethier's paintings reveal themselves in stages: first with an explosion of brilliant colors, then followed by linear weavings, and last with a recognition of the many layers of intricacy forming the whole. Dynamic and powerful, Ethier's paintings affirm a vision and skill that convey his capacity to create gorgeous, impactful paintings.

Nate Ethier was born in Providence, Rhode Island in 1977. He earned his MFA from Boston University College of Fine Arts in 2004, and his BA from Goddard College in 2000. His work has been presented in two and three person exhibitions, as well as group exhibitions at institutions and galleries including most recently Nancy Margolis Gallery, New York, NY, *Small Works: More or Less*; Morgan Lehman Gallery, New York, NY; Morris & Warren Gallery, New York, NY; Geoffrey Young Gallery, Barrington, MA; and Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. He is a recent recipient of a Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program Award 2014-2015 and a Rema Hort Foundation Emerging Artist Grant Nominee. Ethier currently lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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IMAGES ABOVE: *Float Like You Mean It*, 2015, Acrylic on canvas, 46"x44.5" (left); *Misfit Marigolds*, 2015, Acrylic on canvas, 63"x 60" (right)