

## **Andy Burgess**

Andy Burgess is a London born painter and collage artists now residing in Tucson, Arizona. Burgess is delighted to be joining a wonderful roster of artists at Skidmore Contemporary. His work is in many major art collections and is frequently exhibited internationally. Alongside large-scale paintings of architectural subjects Burgess creates intricate, mosaic-like collages using found and collected vintage ephemera and hand painted paper. These collages, which he refers to stylistically as “Pop Geometry” reflect a fascination with early avant-garde art movements such as Bauhaus, Dada and Russian Constructivism and a love of vintage graphics and typography from the 1930’s to the 1960’s, a “Golden Age” of American graphic design. During the ongoing pandemic, Burgess has been able to retreat to the studio, making over 300 collages and abstract paintings in a variety of media. Recent abstract work explores a more painterly direction, a lexicon of personal geometric shapes built up in layers of color. Texture and patina have taken on a more prominent role with more experimental techniques that take their cue from printmaking, and the incorporation of specialty pigments and acrylic mediums.

In 2012 Burgess had his first museum exhibit, ***Paper City*** at The University of Arizona Museum of Art. This was followed by a solo exhibition in New York in 2014 and two printmaking residencies at the prestigious Tandem Press in Madison, Wisconsin in 2016/17. Following on from this, 2018 was a pivotal year that saw a solo exhibit, ***Mid-Century Perspectives*** at The Tucson Museum of Art, and the publication of his first monograph, ***Modernist House Paintings: Andy Burgess***, published by Nazraeli Press.

Currently Burgess is working on a major commission to provide artwork for a brand new state-of-the-art Neo-Natal intensive care unit at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in London. His work will be on show as part of several upcoming gallery exhibitions and art fairs, including Art Miami Basel, “Expander 1 - Color” at Stala Contemporary in Perth, WA, The London Art Fair, Chicago Expo and his first solo show at Skidmore Contemporary in Santa Monica in May 2022.