## **JOHN WENTZ**

John Wentz is a contemporary painter whose work is an exploration of process and technique. Wentz works within the classical language of portraiture, as his aim is to reduce and simplify the image to its core fundamentals: composition, colour and position. Paint application and brushstrokes are broad and simplified to connect and convey this idea to the viewer in a way that only painting can.

Among contemporary deconstructive painters who challenge and reshape the tradition of realism, Wentz can be considered a visionary in this evolving movement and the author of some of the most incisive and relevant paintings being created today.

Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, John Wentz studied painting at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, California in 2006. After years of teaching Painting & Fine Arts at the Academy, Wentz now lives and works in Paris, France.

## Selected Exhibitions:

2022 Art Karlsruhe Artfair

2021 Affordable Artfair Hamburg

2021 Barlachhalle K Hamburg

2021 Stolen Space Gallery London

2020 ATM Gallery Berlin 4 Fraunberg Ateliers, München

2020 Urban Art Fair - myFINBEC, Paris, France

2019 Death of Distance, Hashimoto Contemporary, San Francisco, CA

2019 Kunsthuizen Gallery, Leiden, Netherlands

2019 Pretty Portal Gallery, Dusseldorf, Germany

2019 Stanek Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2018 Moniker Art Fair. London

2018 Abend Gallery, Denver, CO

2018 MesaArtsCenter,Phoenix,AZ

2017 Vertical Gallery, Chicago, Ill 2017 Alto Gallery, Denver, CO

2016 Arcadia Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA

2016 Spoke Art, New York, NY

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2015 Mike Wright Gallery, Denver, CO

2015 Good Mother Gallery, Oakland, CA

2014 Passages, 111 Minna Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2014 Loakal, Oakland, CA

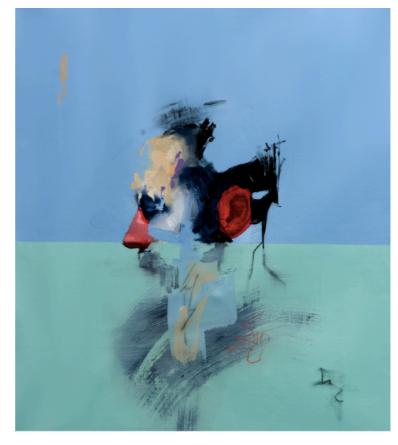
2014 Gary Francis Fine Art, Alameda, CA

2014 Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA



"With Relevance" John Wentz Oil on canvas. 2020 50x60 cm framed in black shadow gap

"To Break Bread" John Wentz Oil on canvas. 2020 50x60 cm framed in black shadow gap



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