

ARTIST STATEMENT

British-American artist and aerospace engineer Keith van der Walde is a California-based painter specializing in patterned mark-making. His paintings are characterized by their vibrant energy and playfulness, coupled with their depth of underlying structure—a duality reflective of the simultaneous intuitive and analytical processes Keith invokes in their creation. Accordingly, his work resonates with a broad audience--from a child who feels its inherent energy and joy, to a seasoned collector who appreciates the refinement of his marks. Celebrating and building upon the work of Keith Haring, and drawing inspiration from such luminaries as Jean Dubuffet, Joan Miro, and Yayoi Kusama, Keith combines the familiar with the new as he sets forth his own aesthetic language. Keith received his M.S. and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University. His aerospace work is focused primarily on the support of NASA/JPL interplanetary missions; his design work on artfully reimagining everyday objects; and his paintings on appealing to the imaginative and playful spirit within each human heart.

