

OPEN MIND ART SPACE

CONDUIT

CHELSEA KOSTA

OCTOBER 2-30, 2021

OPENING RECEPTION:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 5-9 PM

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11631 SANTA MONICA BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90025

GALLERY HOURS:
THUR - SAT, 11AM - 5PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT



Chelsea Kosta, *Untitled No. 9 and Untitled No. 11*
2021, acrylic on canvas, 9 x 8 ft. (2.74 x 2.44 m)

Open Mind Art Space is pleased to present *Conduit*, featuring large-scale abstract paintings by local Los Angeles artist, Chelsea Kosta. *Conduit* is Kosta's debut solo exhibition and will be on view from **October 2-30, 2021**. An opening reception will be held for the artist on **Saturday, October 2nd from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM**.

Conduit showcases Kosta's newest large-scale non-representational acrylic paintings on unstretched canvas. Since 2016, she has been experimenting with palette knives and more recently, large pieces of corrugated plastic to apply multiple layers of paint. Her balanced compositions are characterized by dynamic coloration and value subtleties, using a repetitive yet fluid horizontal and vertical mark-making technique to create texture and depth. Kosta's work invites an active viewing experience, as an energetic continuity intrigues the eye, and the interplay of translucent forms appear to constantly change as the pieces are viewed from different perspectives.

Guided by an intuitive process, Chelsea explains "My agenda is to nurture and support my pieces as one would a friend. I recognize each individual painting as having an autonomous identity and direction. I then focus my attention on its particular needs at each stage of development." Rather than imposing her own self-expression through her works, she is simply the conduit in their becoming, a transmitter through materiality and trust in the process.

Non-objective (abstract) painter, **Chelsea Kosta** (b. 1985, Los Angeles, CA) shows a mastery of color and scale in her artwork. As the daughter of an Impressionist painter, she became infatuated by tonalism at an early age, strongly influencing her use of color. A minimalist in practice, she values the act of seeing and invites the viewer to form a feeling relationship with each painting. Chelsea Kosta holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fine Arts from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles and will continue her practice in Brandenburg, Germany in 2022, as an artist in residence.

Open Mind Art Space is a contemporary art gallery and alternative art space located in West Los Angeles. It features contemporary art from a diverse blend of talented emerging artists and it is dedicated to facilitating a curatorial process that allows its artists to create impactful work. Its mission is to inspire and challenge the local Los Angeles community by providing a comfortable, engaging space for reflection and dialogue.