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**Cody Hudson**

*I Came Home*

December 13 – January 18, 2020

Opening Reception: Friday, December 13th, 6 - 8 pm

Free and open to the public, artist in attendance

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David B. Smith Gallery is proud to present *I Came Home*, a solo exhibition of sixteen new paintings and powder coated steel sculptures by Chicago-based artist Cody Hudson.



Image: Cody Hudson, *Landscape Painting Based on Lasting Positive Experiences (Sit in a Room / Bang a Gong)*, 2019, acrylic on canvas, 40 x 60 in. (101.6 x 152.4 cm)

In his introductory presentation with the gallery, Hudson's signature abstract color-block style effortlessly transcends media, featuring evocative shapes and bold use of color. Taking visual cues from Colorado's iconic mountainous scenery, soft-edged geometric forms meet warm, fleshy earth tones in a playful synthesis of intuitive design language and personal meaning. Set against an original wall mural that envelopes the gallery's project room, Hudson creates an illustrative psychological landscape.

A continual development of color palate and aesthetic, Hudson's fluid studio practice encourages playfulness, balance, and visual harmony. Slowly moving through combinations of color and subject matter, allowing for a natural progression of visual ideas to reflect on canvas, Hudson methodically deconstructs and reincorporates design elements into paintings and sculptures that feel authentic to the moment.

Without the external influence of reference images of his intended subject matter, *I Came Home* captures the artist's interpretive vision of the Denver landscape, complete with budding plants and panoramic views. *I Came Home* is an invitation into an environment of Hudson's creation, inspired by Colorado yet uniquely his own.

**About Cody Hudson**

Cody Hudson is a Chicago, IL based artist, also known for his graphic design contributions under the name Struggle Inc. His paintings, sculpture, and graphic works have been exhibited throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan in solo exhibitions at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL; Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL; Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL; Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL; Rocket Gallery, Tokyo; and V1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark. The artist's site-specific installations include: *Dreams Burn Down Redux*, Soho House, Chicago, IL; *Future/Memory*, Hellerau Art Center, Dresden, Germany; *A Cheval-Entre design graphique et art contemporain*, Nantes, France; and *Festival of Light*, Bangkok, Thailand.

**About David B. Smith Gallery**

David B. Smith Gallery is committed to presenting intelligent and culturally relevant exhibitions in its Denver location, featuring the region's most important emerging talent alongside internationally recognized artists. Through its curatorial program, participation in art fairs, and extensive media coverage in publications such as *Art in America* and *ARTnews*, David B. Smith Gallery has cultivated a strong regional, national and international collector audience. *The New York Times* hailed the gallery as offering "an exciting contrast of cutting edge works" and *The Denver Post* declared that it is the "premiere commercial space" in Denver. The gallery also maintains an active publishing division, which produces exhibition catalogues and editions.

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