

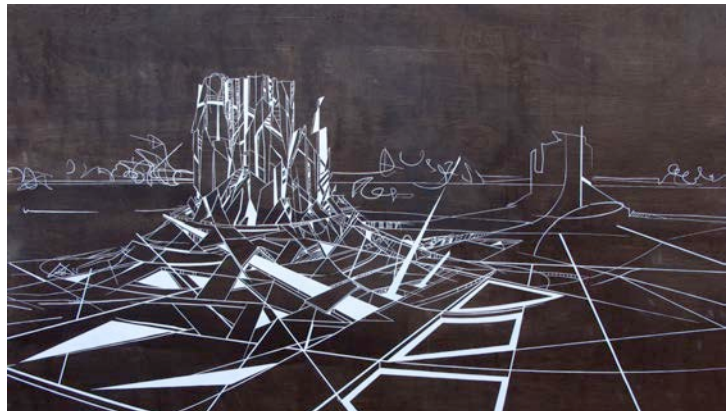
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**Jason Thielke: *Monuments***

January 24 – February 22, 2014

Opening reception: Friday, January 24, 7 – 9 pm  
Artist in attendance. / Free and open to the public.

Jason Thielke (TEL-kee) is a Denver-based artist known for his dreamy, graphic style. For this exhibition of new works, *Monuments*, Thielke has transitioned from the idealized feminine forms he is known for, to a series of epic landscapes. With *Monuments*, Thielke pairs the classic cinematic landscape of Monument Valley, on the Arizona/Utah border, with three famous Colorado landmarks: the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs; well-known rock formations from the world-renowned venue Red Rocks Amphitheater; and the Boulder Flatirons.



Jason Thielke, *Monument*, 2013, acrylic wash and lacquer on birch panel, 42 x 72 inches

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The exhibition also includes a series of renderings of animals native to these spaces, including the Great Horned Owl, elk, and mountain lion. Every work is made up of intersecting lines and planes, and Thielke plays with the weight and thickness of each line and curve to achieve a dynamic, compelling composition. Whether portraying the curvature of the human body or the stretch of Western landscapes and geological formations, Thielke does so with his signature graphic and imaginative style.

Please join us at the gallery to celebrate the premier of Jason Thielke's impressive exhibition, *Monuments*, on Friday, January 24th, from 7 – 9 pm.

**About Jason Thielke**

Jason Thielke grew up in Tempe, Arizona before receiving his BFA from Northern Illinois University School of Art. Known for stylized portrayals of his subjects, Thielke's work bridges graphic and illustrative sensibilities with classic modes of composition and representation. He has shown his work in group and solo exhibitions across the United States as well as in Germany, and his work is in numerous private and corporate collections. Thielke currently lives and works in Denver, Colorado.

**About David B. Smith Gallery**

David B. Smith Gallery is Denver's venue for compelling contemporary art. The gallery specializes in the exhibition and sale of progressive contemporary artwork from emerging and mid-career international artists. Since its founding in 2007, the gallery has been committed to presenting intelligent and culturally relevant exhibitions featuring work from some of today's most dynamic artists with growing international reputations. Through participation in leading art fairs and extensive media coverage, David B. Smith Gallery has grown a strong regional, national and international collector audience. *The New York Times* hailed the gallery as offering "an exciting contrast of cutting edge works." The gallery is located on Wazee Street in the historic LoDo neighborhood of Denver. In addition to its curatorial program, David B. Smith Gallery maintains an active publishing division, which produces limited edition artist prints, monographs, and exhibition catalogues.