

# BRIDGETTE MAYER GALLERY

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**Bridgette Mayer Gallery Presents:**

**New Sharon Church Rd., a solo exhibition by Damian Stamer**

**November 1 – December 31, 2022**

**Extended Hours & Artist Talk: Friday, November 4, 5 – 7:30pm**

Philadelphia, PA – September 28, 2022. Bridgette Mayer Gallery is pleased to announce *New Sharon Church Rd.*, a solo exhibition by Damian Stamer. The exhibition will be on view at Bridgette Mayer Gallery from Tuesday, November 1 to Saturday, December 31, 2022. The gallery will host extended hours from 5:00 to 7:30pm, with a special artist talk and Q&A session starting at 6:00pm, on Friday, November 4.

The fifteen paintings in *New Sharon Church Rd.* were inspired by a plot of land on the titular road near the artist's studio in Durham, North Carolina. Stamer has painted the abandoned barns and fields on New Sharon Church Road for over a decade, and continues to find inspiration from the landscape. His work often goes through multiple revisions over a number of years and addresses themes of time, memory, and place. Additionally, this body of work investigates the intertwining of supposed opposites, such as realism and abstraction, vibrant and muted color, and gestural and restrained marks. In discussing this body of work, Stamer states:

*I was thinking about Velázquez, parenthood, Zen brush painting, Willem de Kooning, Cy Twombly, meditation, and impermanence. I wanted to create worlds to explore, worlds where I could get lost inside.*

## **About the Artist:**

Damian Stamer's work examines the landscape he explored as a child in rural North Carolina. His recent solo exhibitions were held at SOCO Gallery, Charlotte, NC and Koki Arts, Tokyo, Japan. Group exhibitions include Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR; The School, Jack Shainman Gallery, Kinderhook, NY; Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC; Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC; and The Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC. Stamer has work in permanent collections at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art; The Mint Museum in Charlotte, NC; North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, NC; and KUNSTWERK Sammlung Klein in Eberdingen, Germany.

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Stamer received his Master of Fine Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Jacob K. Javits fellow in 2013 and his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Herberger Institute of Art and Design and Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University as a National Merit scholar in 2007. He also studied at the Hungarian University of Fine Arts as a Fulbright grantee, and the State Academy of Art and Design in Stuttgart, Germany as a Rotary Ambassadorial scholar.

Stamer lives and works in Durham, North Carolina.

**Exhibition information:** *New Sharon Church Rd.* will be on view from Tuesday, November 1 to Saturday, December 31, 2022 at Bridgette Mayer Gallery. On Friday, November 4, there will be extended gallery hours from 5:00 to 7:30pm and an artist talk at the gallery.

**Gallery information:** Bridgette Mayer Gallery is free and open to the public. We are located at 709 Walnut Street, 1st Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm.

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