

MY FAVORITE THINGS



MENSUR
BOJDA

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My favorite things is body of works produced by Mensur Bojda. The works are inspired by the functionality as well as the craftsmanship that goes into making of a piano which creates variety of emotions, messages and ideas from simple set of rules assigned to black and white keys.

John Coltrane has famously said that the main thing a musician would like to do is give a picture to the listener of the many wonderful things that he knows of and senses in the universe. Coltrane was a master of experimenting new form of jazz. Experimenting outside of harmonic structure, sometimes ignoring beats and even a notion of solo. His style called "free jazz" celebrated freedom from rules and structures. Freedom from what is accepted or expected as well as freedom to imagine.

Although the works have sculptural qualities to them, the artists insists on calling them as paintings, forcing us to see them as pictures. On the contrary to Coltrane's comment on providing a picture to the listener, Bojda's works would give a sound to the viewer of whatever they would like to hear or imagine listening to. Activating the gallery as a stage, Bojda's carefully constructed paintings and drawings of pianos keys are invitations for the viewers to play.

















The verse



Untitled, 2019
Ink on canvas
98 x 65cm



Untitled, 2019
canvas
98 x 65cm



Untitled, 2019
Acrylic on canvas
98 x 65cm



Untitled, 2019
Ink on canvas
98 x 48cm

The bridge



Untitled, 2019
Oil on canvas
98 x 65cm



Untitled, 2019
Oil on canvas
98 x 65cm



Untitled, 2019
Ink on canvas
98 x 48cm



Untitled, 2019
Oil on canvas
98 x 48cm

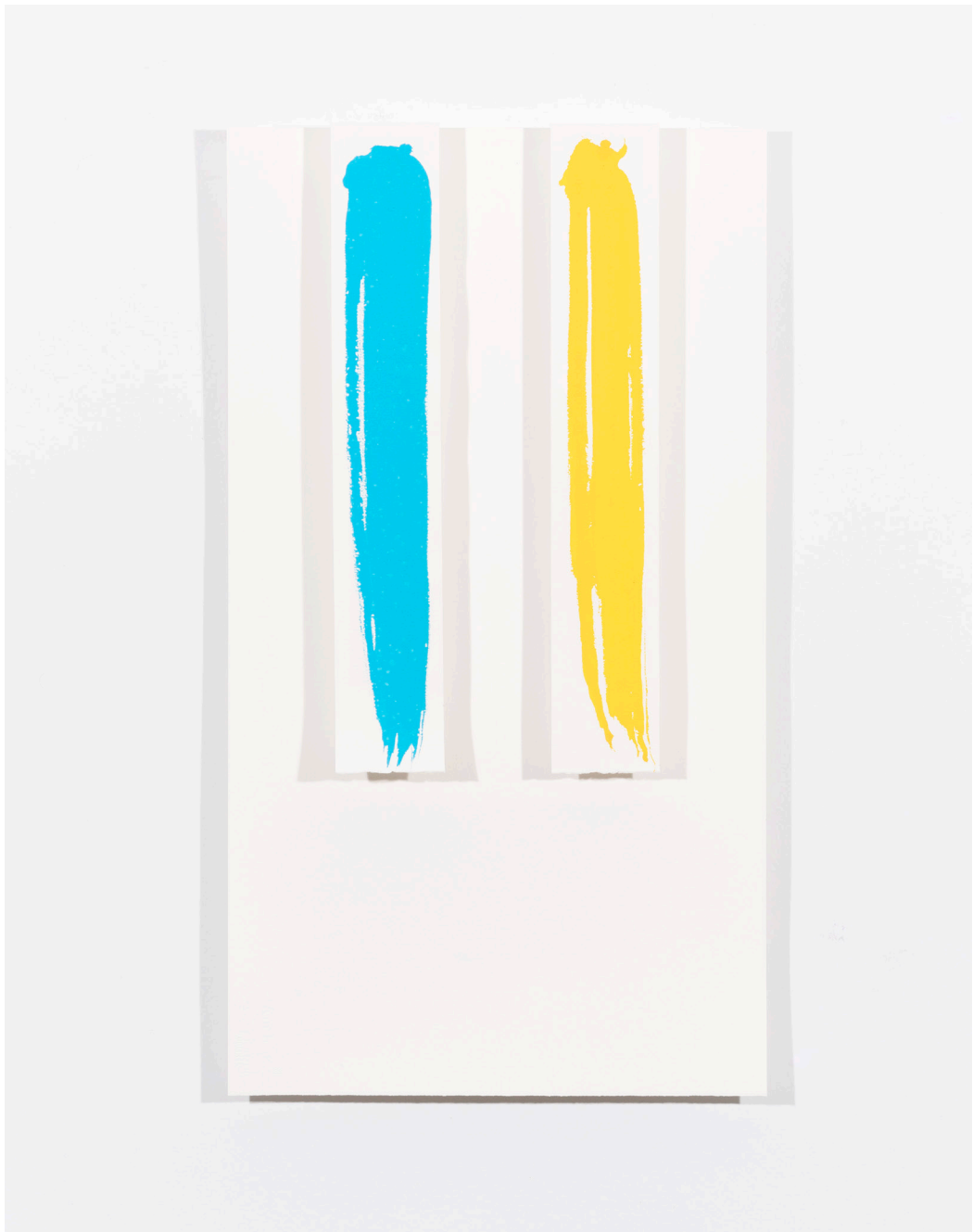
The solo



Untitled, 2019
Ink on paper
91 x 58cm



Untitled, 2019
Ink on paper
91 x 42cm



Untitled, 2019
Ink on paper
91 x 42cm

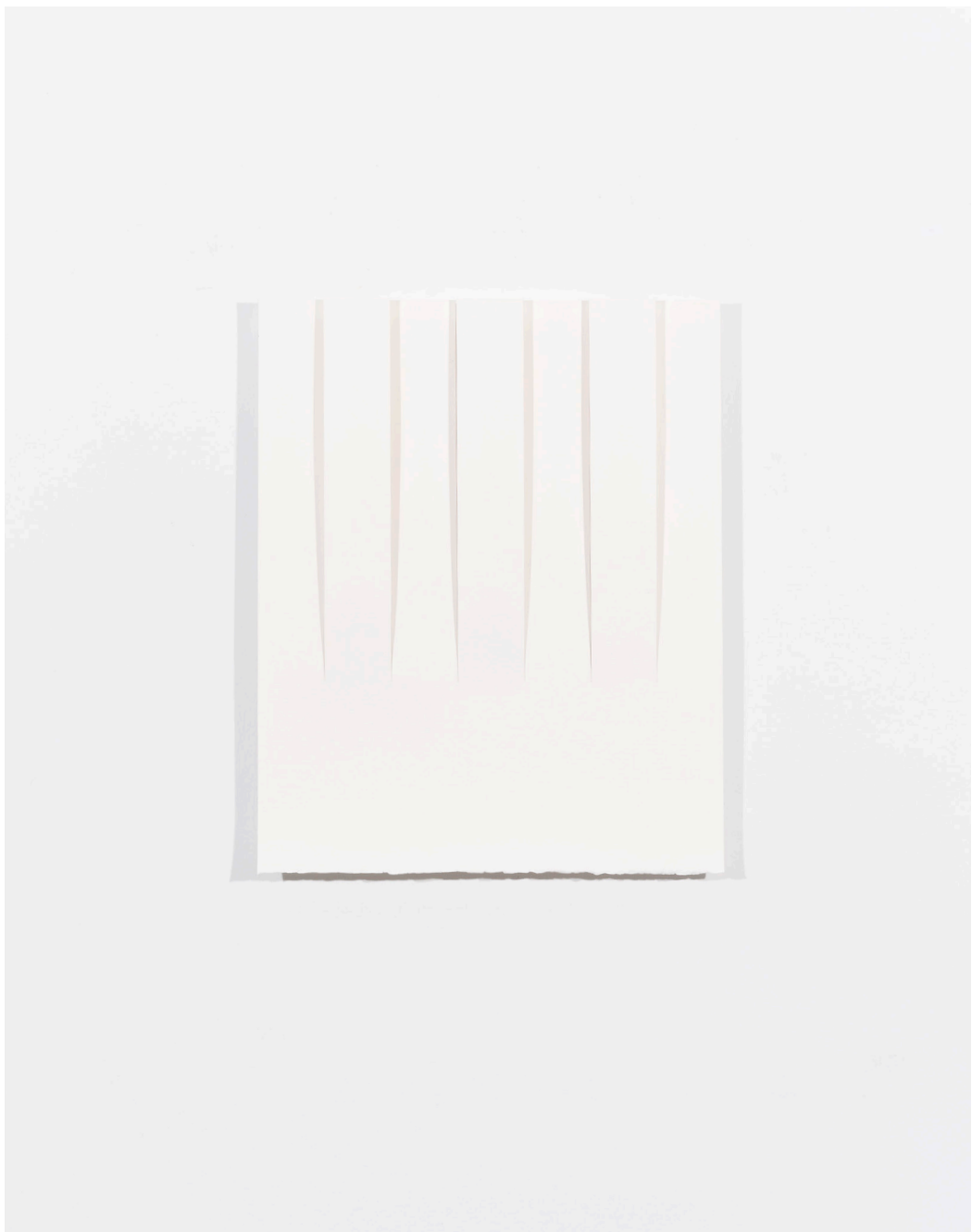
The verse



Untitled, 2019
Paper
54 x 27cm



Untitled, 2019
Paper
54 x 27cm



Untitled, 2019
Paper
54 x 36cm



Mensur Bojda

Mensur Bojda (b. Brod, Serbia, 1986) is an artist currently based in New York. Mensur's work reaches in diverse art disciplines like: painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, illustration and comics. His works represent immediate response to his personal discovery and experience.

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EDUCATION

2016- MFA, Painting / Academy of Fine Arts / Belgrade, Serbia

2009- BFA, Painting / Academy of Fine Arts / Belgrade, Serbia

SOLO

2019/08 "My Favorite Things" Gallery MC, New York, USA.

2017/09 "Remade" SleepCenter Gallery, New York, USA.

2016/06 "The Painter's Lesson" Gallery MC, New York, USA.

2013/09 "The Three Painters Ladder" Gallery of Cinematheque, Skopje, Macedonia.

2012/03 "Exhibition of Paintings, Drawings and Prints" Gallery of Cultural Info Center, Skopje, Macedonia.

2014/06 "Exhibition of Paintings" MKC Gallery, Skopje, Macedonia.

2014/06 "See Music, Hear Painting Get a Book" Performance/ Action Painting, City Park, Skopje, Macedonia.

2011/09 "Celebration of the Drawing Exercises" Gallery Creative, Skopje, Macedonia.

2010/08 "Exhibition of Paintings" Gallery OKO, Skopje, Macedonia.

GROUP

2019/07 "Identity" Gallery MC, New York, USA.

2019/03 "Open Studio" Gallery MC, New York, USA.

2018/08 "US for the Arts" RockWall Studio, New York, USA.

2018/03 "Gallery Artists Exhibiting" Gallery MC, New York, USA.

2017/07 "Inclusive Disjunction" SleepCenter Gallery, New York, USA.

2017/06 "Make Music Harlem" Music and Art Festival organized by Paracademia, New York, USA.

2017/04 "Out Of The Studio" Gallery MC, New York, USA.

2017/02 "Let me go, Father" Gallery MC, New York, USA.

2017/02 "Personal Identity Matter" Gallery MC, New York, USA.

2015/08 "Rewarded Artists of the Year 2015" Osten Gallery, Academy of Science and Art, Skopje, Macedonia.

2013/09 "Painters of Grad Gallery" Grad Gallery, Skopje, Macedonia.

2013/12 "Celebration of the First Art" Gallery Veles, Veles, Macedonia.
2013/12 "Public Charity Exhibition" Gallery of NLB Tutunska Bank,
Skopje, Macedonia.
2011/07 "Youth" Nish Art Foundation, Gallery of Nish, Nish, Serbia.
2010/09 "Osten Biennial of Drawing" Gallery Osten, Skopje, Macedonia.
2010/10 "Art and Development" Gallery of World Bank, Skopje,
Macedonia.
2009/11 "Osten World Gallery of Drawing" Gallery Osten, Skopje,
Macedonia.

PRIZE / OTHER

2016 Artist of the year 2015, Gallery Osten, Skopje, Macedonia.
2013 Kostantin Mazev- Koce, Creativity on small format, Gallery KIC,
Skopje, Macedonia
2009 Honorable artist in residency at 1st International Art and
Science Festival, Patras, Greece.

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