

DAVID B SMITH GALLERY

• FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE •

Media Contact:

David B. Smith | Gallery Director
T: 303.893.4234 | david@davidbsmithgallery.com

Jason Thielke: *Zero-zero*

April 15 – May 14, 2011

Opening Reception: April 15, 2011, 7 – 10pm

Artist in Attendance

Free and open to the public

DENVER – The David B. Smith Gallery is pleased to welcome Jason Thielke back to the Gallery with a new body of work that represents his distinctive aesthetic and continually evolving style. Please join us for a reception with the artist on Friday, April 15th from 7pm to 10pm.

Jason Thielke's work demonstrates aesthetic elements that encompass both contemporary and traditional techniques much like modern architecture. This style emerges in deeply personal, figurative works, which comfortably contrast hard lines with soft features and mixed emotions. In the past, the artist's process of drawing, composing, and transferring images has mirrored the planning, deconstruction and reconstruction phases of urban gentrification. This new body of work utilizes that same process to negotiate the complexity of human nature.

Thielke is fascinated with behavioral juxtapositions within the individual - the conflict, for example, between self-control and the desire to self-gratify. His drawings illustrate this struggle with mathematical precision, utilizing simple, structural forms to portray conflicts within the spirit of his subjects. Swirls represent natural beauty and positive energy; straight lines refer to manipulation used to influence others. His drawings portray the dynamics of body language, eye contact and spiritual conflict and interaction.

This body of work documents Thielke's development as an artist, and the new ways in which he is approaching his subject. Thielke is creating images using colored pencils, graphite, and image transfers directly on wood panels. Through reworking, combining, and appropriating drawings from his sketchbook, Thielke's new works are intricately layered and contain an unprecedented sense of movement and space.

About the Artist

Jason Thielke earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Northern Illinois University School of Art. His work has been featured internationally in galleries and art fairs, and is in the collections of numerous corporations.

About David B. Smith Gallery

David B. Smith Gallery is Denver's venue for compelling contemporary art. Since it's 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 Smith has cultivated a strong regional, national and international collector audience. In August 2008, *The New York Times* hailed the gallery as offering "an exciting contrast of cutting edge works." In addition to its curatorial program, David B. Smith maintains an active publishing division, which produces limited edition artist prints and monographs.