

SOPRAFINA GALLERY

Aithan Shapira 'Light, and other Shapes'

April 5th to April 27th , 2013

Artist's Reception is Friday, April 5th, 5:30 to 7:30

Artist gallery talk: Saturday, April 13 at 3:30

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Soprafina Gallery is pleased to announce a solo exhibition, 'Light, and other Shapes'; works on paper and paintings by Aithan Shapira.

In 2012, Israeli-American Aithan Shapira was featured in ARTNews Magazine for his large scale prints, presented a TED Talk, lectured at Harvard University and exhibited large scale paintings and etchings at the Royal Academy of Art, London, the Aqua Fair at Art Basel Miami and the Seattle Art Museum Gallery. His work was also exhibited in museums, universities and galleries in New York, London, Miami, Seattle and Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Shapira has always respected the artists who have looked out their windows in order to see. Shapira spent the last year looking out the window of his studio. Patterns of sunlight appeared, perhaps more opaque and solid than their surrounding abundant birch, pear and stone-fruit trees. His imagery, painted with sensitivity across the shafts of light orchestrate a sense of hope. He thinks of hope the way birds carry seeds to foreign places by way of their migration. In this exhibition, Shapira displays new roots and seeds planted as if they were carried over in hanging plant baskets by birds. His materials add to the metaphor as he makes paint mulling earth from the Judean desert and olive branch ashes with oil. Part of his inspiration comes from his mother having escaped from Bagdad and his father is rooted ten generations in Jerusalem.

Aithan Shapira is an Alumnus of the Royal college of Art. He has drawn and lived with Aboriginal Australians for over three years and is a product of that survival and preservation. Mr. Shipira has received many honors, awards and fellowships including a Fullbright Award, Daler-Rowney Prize for Drawing, Ann Friedman Prize in Painting and the Blanche E. Colman Award for Painting. His work is in the collections of the Royal Academy of Art, London, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, the Rollins College Collection and the London Jewish Museum of Art, among many other public and private collections.

The exhibition will be at Soprafina Gallery from April 5th to April 27th. The gallery hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM or by appointment. Please call Frank for more information at 617.728.0770.