



Solo Exhibition Opening September 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

# WYATT MILLS

## *Pareidolia*

*Opening Reception: Saturday, September 15, 6-9pm*

*On view September 15–October 26, 2018*

*Location: 818 S Spring Street, Los Angeles*

*I want to paint beyond what one thinks portrait traditionally should look like. I want to portray an honest snapshot of a perception in the present.*

*-- Wyatt Mills*

Mugello Gallery is proud to announce *Pareidolia*, an exhibition of new paintings by Los Angeles-based artist Wyatt Mills. *The* opening reception will be held on Saturday, September 15, at Mugello in Downtown LA with artist in attendance. This will be Mills' first solo-exhibition since returning from a two year residency in Berlin.

Exploring the complexities of human perception, Pareidolia refers to a psychological phenomenon of cognitive interpretation. It describes the tendency of the human mind to imagine or perceive a familiar pattern or object where none previously existed. By using a portrait as the foundational subject Mills creates a sandbox from which viewers are forced to dissect and rebuild several personalities while confronting the complex emotions existing concurrently within each work.

In Mills' process, his paintings are continually re-inventing themselves in each passing moment with no linear path of beginning to end. In a constant exploration of awareness, Mills practices patient slow moments with frantic movements, often interpreting noises heard in the street under his studio into visual renditions. There is little hesitation to cover pre-existing layers or faces, as this frequently invites spontaneity back into the equation, discovering a new dimension to the subject that could only be found by destroying it. In the same way that the past is behind us, but still weighted on our shoulders, the prerequisite layers on these paintings continue to flicker through and exist in the final piece. The abundant amount of expressions and gestures stacked on top of each other reflect on how we grow and form identities, endlessly remaking or discovering ourselves.

A fully illustrated catalog is forthcoming.

### **About Mugello Gallery**

Mugello Gallery represents emerging and mid-career artists. Having launched in 2015 with a digital first strategy, the internet allowed them to quickly grow their gallery and artists by serving an international client base. After three years exhibiting at international fairs, and selling work from their artist' studios, they've opened a permanent space on Gallery Row in the heart of downtown: 818 South Spring Street Los Angeles CA 90014. The new LA space is the first of what will be a national expansion for Mugello.

We're very excited to be working with Mills and to be able to unveil his breathtaking paintings where raw expression and multiple sides of the human psyche are revealed.

--James Wright (founder)

For further inquiries please contact the gallery at [info@mugellogallery.com](mailto:info@mugellogallery.com) or at +1.213.374.5959

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