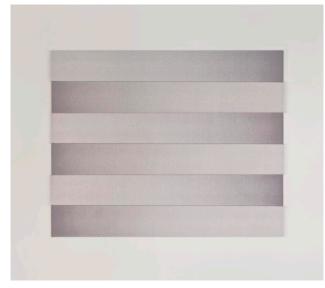
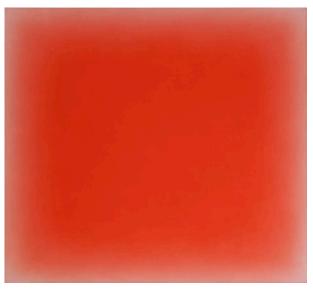
Tom Chamberlain



Untitled, 2014, watercolour on paper, 73 x 82 cm / 28 4/5 x 42 2/5 in.



As if, 2014, acrylic on canvas, 50 x 55 cm / 19 4/5 x 21 3/5 in.

Biography

Born 1973 in Barton on Sea Lives and Works in England

Exhibitions (Selection)

2018 2017 2016	Simply a Painting, Kunstverein Wolfsburg Thinking Tantra, Peninsula Arts, Plymouth Thinking Tantra, Drawing Room, London Tantra Drawings, Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai
2015	If Not Now, Aurel Scheibler, Berlin
2014	Domino Dancing, Plan B, Cluj The Collective, House of St. Barnabas, London
2013	Théâtre du Monde, Maison Rouge, Paris System und Sinnlichkeit. Die Sammlung Schering Stiftung – Zeitgenössische Zeichenkunst von Tom Chamberlain bis Jorinde Voigt, Kupferstichkabinett, Berlin
2011	Some Other Time, ScheiblerMitte, Berlin Twenty, ScheiblerMitte, Berlin
2009	Clockwise From the Left, Laika, Cluj, Romania Drawings A - Z, Museum da Cidade, Lisbon Shadow/Existence, ScheiblerMitte, Berlin Invisible Cities, Jerwood Spaces, London
2008	Paintings and Drawings, Aurel Scheibler, Berlin Kontainer / Mihai Nicodim, Los Angeles
2007	Sleeping Standing Up, Andreiana Mihail, Bucharest
2006	Undone, Chung King Project, Los Angeles Small Wonder, Andreiana Mihail, Budapest
2005	Tom Chamberlain, Jane Harris, Udo Noger, Galerie Hollenbach, Stuttgart and Zürich
2004	Kontainer Gallery, Los Angeles
2003	Side Track, Percy Miller, London
2002	Shimmering Substances, Cornerhouse, Manchester
2001	Beside Myself, Percy Miller, London
1999	Paintings and Drawings, Percy Miller, London

The British artist Tom Chamberlain (*1973) engages the simplest of artistic means to achieve an unusually high degree of visual complexity. His paintings comprise multiple layers of thinly applied paint, while his drawings consist of innumerable evenly spaced points or lines. Simple lines and primary colors interlock in a filigree field of complex iridescent shades and movement that makes the works appear vibrant and most of all undefinable. They reveal depth and substance while evading definite form.

Chamberlain's work occupies the intersection of the visible and the veiled, between darkness and luminance. The pieces demand a particularly concentrated way of looking. They take their time to evolve their visual complexity, allowing the viewer to experience the emergence of form or color. The artist does not attempt to define the colors or things because he wants them to possess an unnamable quality: the idea of grey, a color in limbo, defies anything conclusive.

"I'm interested in perception and phenomenology and don't want process or narrative or anything like that to get in the way," - says the artist. - "I can tell you exactly how I do about making a painting, but I also want to unmake it, for it to trip itself up, to make something immaterial, phantom, which is impossible of course, but I think this is the best way I can try to implicate the viewer. That way the paintings could be like screens you can project onto, that hold vision (and experience) as something quite doubtful and flux. I want a slow kind of looking, where you become entangled and where paintings are kept as something like living entities."